

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ORR M ALAN**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE.,  
SUITE 1400  
(Street)

TULSA, OK 74119

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/20/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec. VP - Drilling Subsidiary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	06/20/2008		M		40,500	A	\$ 12.08 70,500	D
Common Stock	06/20/2008		S		526	D	\$ 71.91 69,974	D
Common Stock	06/20/2008		S		1,200	D	\$ 71.87 68,774	D
Common Stock	06/20/2008		S		1,600	D	\$ 71.81 67,174	D
Common Stock	06/20/2008		S		750	D	\$ 71.84 66,424	D

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Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	100	D	\$ 71.86	66,324	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	3,000	D	\$ 71.898	63,324	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	4,300	D	\$ 71.9812	59,024	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	4,500	D	\$ 72.0881	54,524	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	9,500	D	\$ 72.1358	45,024	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	5,500	D	\$ 72.251	39,524	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	8,500	D	\$ 72.1532	31,024	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2008	S	1,024	D	\$ 72.0419	30,000	D	
Common Stock						16,510	I	By 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.08	06/20/2008		M	40,500	12/03/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 12/03/2013	Common Stock	40,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ORR M ALAN 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400 TULSA, OK 74119			Exec. VP - Drilling Subsidiary	

## Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for M. Alan Orr	06/23/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/03/03. The options vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the first date options vested and became exercisable.

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