

LINDSAY JOHN W
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LINDSAY JOHN W

(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)

12/29/2009

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	12/29/2009		M		10,000	A	\$ 13.87	75,000	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/29/2009		S		200	D	\$ 41.74	74,800	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/29/2009		S		1,400	D	\$ 41.73	73,400	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/29/2009		S		2,800	D	\$ 41.72	70,600	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	12/29/2009		S		100	D	\$ 41.7104	70,500	D ⁽¹⁾

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) Includes 9,347 shares held indirectly in the reporting person's 401(k) account, which shares have been adjusted to account for the issuer's 2-for-1 stock split in fiscal 2006.
The options were granted under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan on 12/04/02 at an exercise price of \$27.74,
- (2) becoming \$13.87 post stock-split in July of 2006. 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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