

RUST EDWARD B JR  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
RUST EDWARD B JR

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/07/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
TULSA, OK 74119-3623

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

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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
				Code	V				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.935	12/07/2010	A	1,902		12/07/2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/07/2020	Common Stock	1
Phantom Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	12/07/2010	A	182.5198		<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	182

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUST EDWARD B JR 1437 S. BOULDER AVE. SUITE 1400 TULSA, OK 74119-3623	X			

## Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Edward B. Rust 12/08/2010

    \*\*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. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan on 12/07/10. The options vested on the date of grant.

(2) Phantom shares relate to the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. Director Deferred Compensation Plan.

(3) 1-for-1.

(4) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in cash only, at the election of the reporting person either (1) in a lump sump payable no later than 60 days following the termination of the reporting person's service as a director or (2) in annual installments for a period of 'x' years (not to exceed 10).

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