

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC  
Form 8-K  
March 22, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): **March 22, 2010**

**HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**State of Incorporation: Delaware**

**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-4221**

**Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification No. 73-0679879**

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**ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

Helmerich & Payne, Inc. ( H&P ) will deliver an investor and securities analyst presentation that includes the slides attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which are incorporated herein by reference. This presentation references, among other information, an increase in H&P s fiscal 2010 capital expenditures estimate from \$265 million to \$330 million. This presentation also notes H&P has recently secured three multi-year term contracts to build and operate three new FlexRigs@\*, and has secured four five-year term contracts to operate four FlexRigs.

This information is not filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not incorporated by reference into any filing made pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The furnishing of these slides is not intended to constitute a representation that such information is required by Regulation FD or that the materials they contain include material information that is not otherwise publicly available.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|--------------------|--|
| 99.1               | Slides to be shown during an investor and securities analyst presentation. |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly authorized the undersigned to sign this report on its behalf.

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.  
(Registrant)

/S/ Steven R. Mackey  
Steven R. Mackey  
Executive Vice President

DATE: March 22, 2010

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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