

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC
Form 8-K
June 24, 2010

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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): **June 24, 2010**

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-4221
(Commission File
Number)

73-0679879
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1437 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 1400

Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

(Address of principal executive offices)

(918) 742-5531

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On June 24, 2010, Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release commenting on recent media reports that refer to Venezuelan government authorities affirming that they will seek to nationalize the Company s 11 rigs in Venezuela. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. This information is being furnished pursuant to Item 8.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished herewith.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|----------------|---|
| 99 | Helmerich & Payne, Inc. press release dated June 24, 2010 |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 24, 2010

HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

By: /s/ Steven R. Mackey
Name: Steven R. Mackey
Title: Executive Vice President,
Secretary and General
Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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