

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

Form 8-K

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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): December 6, 2004 (July 1, 2004)

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 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On November 30, 2004, the Human Resources Committee of the Board of Directors of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (Registrant) approved certain annual bonus awards under the Registrant s 2004 Annual Bonus Plan adopted by the Human Resources Committee on July 1, 2004. The attached Exhibit 10.1, incorporated herein by reference, is the form of Annual Bonus Plan so approved.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Helmerich & Payne, Inc. Annual Bonus Plan

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
Vice President

DATE: December 6, 2004

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