

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

Form 8-K

July 22, 2004

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**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): July 22, 2004

**HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.**

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(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

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1-4221

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73-0679879

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(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification  
Number)

1437 South Boulder Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma

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74119

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(918) 742-5531

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On July 22, 2004, Helmerich & Payne, Inc. ( Registrant ) issued a press release announcing its financial results for its third quarter ended June 30, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Report on Form 8-K. This information is being furnished pursuant to Item 12 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.

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.

By: /s/ Steven R. Mackey  
Name: Steven R. Mackey  
Title: Vice President

Dated: July 22, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99	Helmerich & Payne, Inc. earnings press release dated July 22, 2004