HELMERICH & PAYNE INC Form 8-K February 05, 2009

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): February 4, 2009

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						
(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):						
o	Written communications pursuant to Ru	le 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)				
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0	Pre-commencement communications pu	rsuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (1	7 CFR 240.14d-2 (b))			
o	Pre-commencement communications pu	rsuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (1	7 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))			

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On February 4, 2009, Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release responding to inaccurate Venezuelan news reports regarding the Company s operations 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.
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(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished herewith.

Exhibit Number Description

99 Helmerich & Payne, Inc. press release dated February 4, 2009

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: February 5, 2009 HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

By: /s/ Steven R. Mackey

Name: Steven R. Mackey

Title: Executive Vice President, Secretary and

General Counsel

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99 Helmerich & Payne, Inc. press release dated February 4, 2009

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