

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

Form 8-K

November 10, 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): November 10, 2004

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**HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.**

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(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

1-4221

73-0679879

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(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification  
Number)

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1437 South Boulder Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma

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

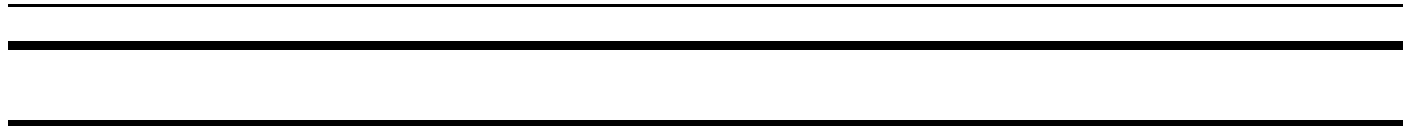
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On November 10, 2004, Helmerich & Payne, Inc. ( Registrant ) issued a press release announcing its financial results for its fiscal year ended September 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 2.02 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. MACKKEY  
Name: Steven R. Mackey  
Title: Vice President

Dated: November 10, 2004

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99	Helmerich & Payne, Inc. earnings press release dated November 10, 2004