

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC  
Form 8-K  
March 04, 2010

**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 EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED: **March 3, 2010**

**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**

**1437 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 1400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**(918)742-5531**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed since Last Report)

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**ITEM 5.07 SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (the Company) was held on March 3, 2010. Of the 105,993,974 shares of the Company's common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the meeting, 93,679,600 shares were present either in person or by proxy.

The following describes the matters considered by the Company's stockholders at the Annual Meeting, as well as the results of the votes cast at the meeting:

1. To elect three directors comprising the class of director of the Company known as the First Class for a three-year term expiring in 2013.

| Nominee         | For        | Withhold  | Broker Non-Vote |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Hans Helmerich  | 85,322,807 | 1,148,067 | 7,208,727       |
| Paula Marshall  | 85,621,661 | 849,212   | 7,208,727       |
| Randy A. Foutch | 85,649,617 | 821,257   | 7,208,727       |

2. To ratify and approve the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditors for the Company for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

| For        | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Vote |
|------------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| 92,988,842 | 298,695 | 392,063 | 0               |

**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  
Executive Vice President

DATE: March 4, 2010