HELMERICH & PAYNE INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RUST EDWARD B JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) X_ Director Officer (give title

1437 S. BOULDER AVE., SUITE 1400

09/06/2006

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

TULSA, OK 74119-3623

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

3. Execution Date, if Code

(Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

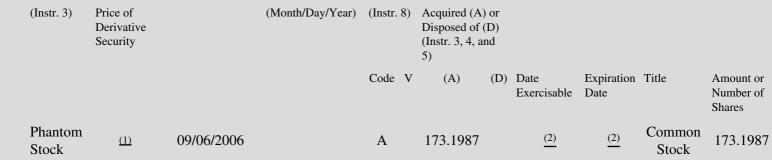
(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

7. Title and Amount of 1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUST EDWARD B JR 1437 S. BOULDER AVE. SUITE 1400 TULSA, OK 74119-3623	X			

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan M. Cinocca, by Power of Attorney for Edward B.

Rust

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 1-for-1.
- The shares of phantom stock become payable, in cash only, at the election of the reporting person either (1) in a lump sump payable no (2) later than 60 days following the termination of the reporting person's service as a director or (2) in annual installments for a period of 'x' years (not to exceed 10).

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