

Tardio Juan Pablo  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Tardio Juan Pablo

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HELMERICH & PAYNE INC [HP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVENUE, SUITE 1400  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/08/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP & CFO

TULSA, OK 74119  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/08/2010		M		1,500	A	\$ 30.2375
Common Stock	12/08/2010		M		3,000	A	\$ 26.895
Common Stock	12/08/2010		M		4,500	A	\$ 35.105
Common Stock	12/08/2010		M		3,500	A	\$ 21.065
Common Stock	12/08/2010		M		2,250	A	\$ 38.015

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Common Stock	12/08/2010	S	19,417	D	\$ 47.006 <u>(1)</u>	12,667	D	
Common Stock						1,129	I	401(k) account

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.2375	12/08/2010		M	1,500	12/05/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/05/2015	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.895	12/08/2010		M	3,000	12/05/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/05/2016	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.105	12/08/2010		M	4,500	12/04/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/04/2017	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.065	12/08/2010		M	3,500	12/02/2009 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/02/2018	Common Stock	3,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.015	12/08/2010		M	2,250	12/01/2010 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/01/2019	Common Stock	2,250

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Tardio Juan Pablo 1437 SOUTH BOULDER AVENUE SUITE 1400 TULSA, OK 74119			VP & CFO	

## Signatures

Jonathan M. Cinocca, by power of attorney for Juan Pablo Tardio	12/09/2010
**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) The noted price is the weighted average sale price for all sales. The range of prices for the transactions were as follows: \$47.00 to \$47.029. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request of the SEC staff, the issuer or a stockholder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
  - (2) The options were granted on 12/5/05 and vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the date options first began to vest.
  - (3) The options were granted on 12/5/06 and vested over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the date options first began to vest.
  - (4) The options were granted on 12/4/07 and vest over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the date options first began to vest.
  - (5) The options were granted on 12/2/08 and vest over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the date options first began to vest.
  - (6) The options were granted on 12/1/09 and vest over 4 years in 25% increments. The noted date represents the date options first began to vest.

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