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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Helmerich & Payne, Inc., will be held on the 41st Floor of the First National Tower Building, 15 East 5th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 12:00 noon, Tulsa time, on Wednesday, March 2, 1994, for the following purposes:

1. To elect three Directors comprising the class of Directors of the Corporation known as the "Third Class" for a three-year term expiring in 1997.

2. To consider and transact any other business which properly may come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

In accordance with the By-Laws, the close of business on January 7, 1994, has been fixed as the record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, said meeting. The stock transfer books will not close.

The Corporation's Proxy Statement is submitted herewith. The annual report for the year ended September 30, 1993, has been mailed previously to all stockholders.

STOCKHOLDERS WHO DO NOT EXPECT TO ATTEND IN PERSON, BUT WISH THEIR STOCK TO BE VOTED ON MATTERS TO BE TRANSACTED, ARE URGED TO SIGN, DATE, AND MAIL THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ACCOMPANYING ENVELOPE, TO WHICH NO POSTAGE NEED BE AFFIXED IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PROMPT RETURN OF YOUR SIGNED PROXY, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SHARES YOU HOLD, WILL AID THE CORPORATION IN REDUCING THE EXPENSE OF ADDITIONAL PROXY SOLICITATION. THE GIVING OF SUCH PROXY DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN PERSON IN THE EVENT YOU ATTEND THE MEETING.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ STEVEN R. MACKEY
Steven R. Mackey
Secretary

Tulsa, Oklahoma
January 26, 1994

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PROXY STATEMENT

GENERAL INFORMATION

The enclosed proxy is being solicited by and on behalf of the management of Helmerich & Payne, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation," and will be voted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders on March 2, 1994. This statement and the accompanying proxy are first being sent or given to stockholders on or about January 26, 1994.

Any stockholder giving a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is voted by voting in person at the Annual Meeting or by delivery of a later-dated proxy.

The cost of this solicitation will be paid by the Corporation. In addition to solicitation by mail, arrangements may be made with brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to send proxies and proxy material to their principals. No solicitation is to be made by specially engaged employees or other paid solicitors.

At the close of business on January 7, 1994, there were 26,764,476 issued and outstanding shares of the common stock of the Corporation, the holders of which, except the Corporation which is the holder of 2,096,994 shares of treasury stock, are entitled to one vote per share on all matters. There is no other class of securities of the Corporation entitled to vote at the meeting. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on January 7, 1994, will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth the name and address of each stockholder of the Corporation who beneficially owns more than 5% of the Corporation's common stock, the number of shares beneficially owned by each, and the percentage of

outstanding stock so owned, as of January 7, 1994.

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TITLE OF CLASS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	AMOUNT AND NATURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP (1)	PERCENT OF CLASS
Common Stock	FMR Corp. 82 Devonshire Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109	2,352,534 (2)	9.537%
Common Stock	State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company One State Farm Plaza Bloomington, Illinois 61710	2,064,300	8.368%

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TITLE OF CLASS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	AMOUNT AND NATURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP (1)	PERCENT OF CLASS
Common Stock	W. H. Helmerich, III 1579 East 21st Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114	1,530,799 (3)	6.206%
Common Stock	The Capital Group, Inc. 333 South Hope Street Los Angeles, California 90071	1,290,300 (4)	5.231%

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- (1) Unless otherwise indicated, all shares are owned directly by the named person or entity, with such person or entity possessing sole voting and investment power with respect to such shares.
- (2) Includes 2,269,328 shares owned by Fidelity Management & Research Company and 83,206 shares owned by Fidelity Management Trust Company. FMR Corp. has sole voting power over 83,206 shares. This information is based upon FMR's Schedule 13G dated February 12, 1993.
- (3) Includes 11,710 shares held by Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III, as Trustee in a trust for a member of his immediate family; 300,000 shares owned by The Helmerich Foundation, an Oklahoma charitable trust, for which Mr. Helmerich is Trustee; 10,000 shares owned by Ivy League, Inc., of which Mr. Helmerich is President and Director; and 3,000 shares held by The Helmerich Trust, an Oklahoma charitable trust, for which Mr. Helmerich is Trustee. Mr. Helmerich possesses sole voting and investment power over all indirectly owned shares.
- (4) Capital Guardian Trust Company and Capital Research and Management Company, operating subsidiaries of The Capital Group, Inc., exercised investment discretion with respect to 790,000 and 500,000 shares respectively. This information is based upon The Capital Group, Inc.'s Schedule 13G dated February 11, 1993.

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth the total number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by each of the present Directors and nominees, the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and the other four most highly compensated executive officers (the Chief Executive Officer and other four most highly compensated executive officers collectively, the "named executive officers"), and all Directors and Executive Officers as a group, and the percent of the outstanding common stock so owned by each as of January 7, 1994.

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DIRECTORS AND NAMED	AMOUNT AND NATURE OF BENEFICIAL	PERCENT OF
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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS	TITLE OF CLASS	OWNERSHIP (1)	CLASS
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>
W. H. Helmerich, III	Common Stock	1,530,799(2)	6.206%
Hans Helmerich	Common Stock	176,177(3)	.714%
George S. Dotson	Common Stock	100,055(4)	.405%
Steven R. Shaw	Common Stock	37,281(5)	.151%
Allen S. Braumiller	Common Stock	37,899(6)	.153%
Douglas E. Fears	Common Stock	33,252(7)	.135%
H. W. Todd	Common Stock	2,000	.008%
W. F. Martin	Common Stock	1,500	.006%
John D. Zeglis	Common Stock	1,500	.006%
Glenn A. Cox	Common Stock	1,000	.004%
George A. Schaefer	Common Stock	1,000	.004%
William L. Armstrong	Common Stock	1,000	.004%
C. W. Flint, Jr.	Common Stock	-0-	-0-
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group(16)	Common Stock	1,967,891(8)	7.972%

- (1) Unless otherwise indicated, all shares are owned directly by the named person, and he has sole voting and investment power with respect to such shares.
- (2) Includes 11,710 shares held by Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III, as Trustee in a trust for a member of his immediate family; 300,000 shares owned by The Helmerich Foundation, an Oklahoma charitable trust, for which Mr. Helmerich is Trustee; 10,000 shares owned by Ivy League, Inc., of which Mr. Helmerich is President and Director; and 3,000 shares held by The Helmerich Trust, an Oklahoma charitable trust, for which Mr. Helmerich is Trustee. Mr. Helmerich possesses sole voting and investment power over all indirectly owned shares.
- (3) Includes options to purchase 6,558 shares exercisable within 60 days; 48,000 shares subject to restricted stock awards under the Restricted Stock Plan for Senior Executives of Helmerich & Payne, Inc.; 2,553 shares fully vested under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 401(k) Plan as of September 30, 1993; 9,675 shares owned by Mr. Hans Helmerich's wife, with respect to which he has disclaimed all beneficial ownership; 7,400 shares held by Mr. Helmerich as Trustee for various trusts for members of his immediate family, as to which he has sole voting and investment power; and 1,000 shares held by Mr. Helmerich as a Co-trustee for a family trust for which he shares voting and investment power.
- (4) Includes options to purchase 6,558 shares exercisable within 60 days; 36,000 shares subject to restricted stock awards under the Restricted Stock Plan for Senior Executives of Helmerich & Payne, Inc.; 5,543 shares fully vested under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 401(k) Plan as of September 30, 1993; 950 shares held in a trust for a family member for which Mr. Dotson, as a Co-trustee, shares voting and investment

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power; 1,250 shares held by Mr. Dotson as custodian for his children under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act; and 450 shares owned by Mr. Dotson's wife, with respect to which he has disclaimed all beneficial ownership.

- (5) Includes options to purchase 1,238 shares exercisable within 60 days; 32,000 shares subject to restricted stock awards under the Restricted Stock Plan for Senior Executives of Helmerich & Payne, Inc.; and 1,979 shares fully vested under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 401(k) Plan as of September 30, 1993.
- (6) Includes options to purchase 842 shares exercisable within 60 days; 16,000 shares subject to restricted stock awards under the Restricted Stock Plan for Senior Executives of Helmerich & Payne, Inc.; and 4,757 shares fully vested under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 401(k) Plan as of September 30, 1993.
- (7) Includes options to purchase 600 shares exercisable within 60 days; 28,000 shares subject to restricted stock awards under the Restricted Stock Plan for Senior Executives of Helmerich & Payne, Inc.; and 1,152 shares fully vested under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 401(k) Plan as of September 30, 1993.
- (8) Includes options to purchase 18,716 shares exercisable within 60 days; 198,000 shares subject to restricted stock awards under the Restricted Stock

Plan for Senior Executives of Helmerich & Payne, Inc.; and 19,492 shares fully vested under the Helmerich & Payne, Inc. 401(k) Plan as of September 30, 1993.

NOMINEES AND DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Corporation is divided into three classes -- First Class, Second Class, and Third Class -- whose terms expire in different years. The terms of the Directors of the Third Class expire this year, and their successors are to be elected at this Annual Meeting. The terms of the Directors of the First Class and the Second Class do not expire until 1995 and 1996, respectively, and consequently their successors are not to be elected at this Annual Meeting. On December 1, 1993, the Board of Directors nominated Mr. Glenn A. Cox, presently a Director of the Second Class, to fill the vacancy created in the Third Class by the retirement of Mr. W. F. Martin. Upon the conclusion of this Annual Meeting, each of the First, Second and Third Classes will be comprised of three Directors.

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The Directors belonging to the First Class and the Second Class, which are not coming up for election at this meeting, and the Nominees for Directors of the Third Class, are as follows:

DIRECTORS OF THE FIRST CLASS

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NAME	AGE	EXPIRATION OF PRESENT TERM	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION AND CURRENT DIRECTORSHIPS	YEAR FIRST BECAME DIRECTOR
<S> Hans Helmerich	<C> 35	<C> 1995	<C> President of the Corporation and Chief Executive Officer; holds similar positions as Chairman or President and as Chief Executive Officer of subsidiary companies. Director of Atwood Oceanics, Inc.	<C> 1987
George S. Dotson	53	1995	Vice President of the Corporation and President and Chief Operating Officer of Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co.; holds similar positions as President and Chief Operating Officer of Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co. subsidiary companies. Director of Atwood Oceanics, Inc.	1990
George A. Schaefer	65	1995	Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Caterpillar Inc. (manufacturer of earth-moving, construction, and materials-handling machinery and equipment). Director of Aon Corporation; McDonnell Douglas Corporation; Morton International; and Caterpillar Inc.	1988

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DIRECTORS OF THE SECOND CLASS

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NAME	AGE	EXPIRATION OF PRESENT TERM	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION AND CURRENT DIRECTORSHIPS	YEAR FIRST BECAME DIRECTOR
<S> C. W. Flint, Jr.	<C> 72	<C> 1996	<C> Retired Chairman of Flint Industries, Inc. (general construction contractor and environmental consulting). Director of Liberty Bancorp, Inc.; Liberty Bank and Trust Company of Tulsa, N.A.; and Pennzoil Co.	<C> 1968
H. W. Todd	71	1996	Managing Partner, Carlisle Enterprises, L.P. (acquisitions and mergers within the aerospace, defense, and industrial	1971

John D. Zeglis	46	1996	sectors). Director of Pacific Scientific Co.; and Precision Aerotech Senior Vice President -- General Counsel and Government Affairs of American Telephone and Telegraph Company (provides products, services, and systems for the movement and management of information, including U.S. and international long-distance telecommunications services, telecommunications products for businesses and consumers, network transmission systems and equipment, computers, and electronic components). Director of Illinois Power Co.	1989
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NOMINEES FOR DIRECTORS OF THE THIRD CLASS

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NAME	AGE	EXPIRATION OF PRESENT TERM	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION AND CURRENT DIRECTORSHIPS	YEAR FIRST BECAME DIRECTOR
W. H. Helmerich, III	71	1994	Chairman of the Board of the Corporation. Director of Atwood Oceanics, Inc.; Liberty Bancorp, Inc.; Liberty Bank and Trust Company of Tulsa, N.A.; Caterpillar Inc.; and Liberty Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City, N.A.	1949
William L. Armstrong	56	1994	Chairman of Ambassador Media Corporation and Cherry Creek Mortgage Company (television broadcasting and mortgage banking). Director of International Family Entertainment, Inc.; NaTec Resources, Inc.; Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company of America; and Storage Technology Corporation	1992
Glenn A. Cox	64	1994	Retired President and Chief Operating Officer of Phillips Petroleum Company (large integrated oil company). Director of Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.; BOK Financial Corporation; The Williams Companies, Inc.; and Union Texas Petroleum Holdings, Inc.	1992

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With regard to the election of the Directors, stockholders may vote in favor of all nominees, withhold their votes as to all nominees, or withhold their votes as to specific nominees. Unless otherwise specified, the proxies on the enclosed form which are executed and returned will be voted for the nominees listed above as "Nominees for Directors of the Third Class." The proxies executed and returned on the enclosed form can be voted only for the named nominees. If any one of the nominees is not a candidate at the Annual Meeting, an event which management does not anticipate, the proxies will be voted for a substitute nominee. The election of Directors will require the affirmative vote of a plurality of the shares of common stock voting in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes shall not be counted except for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum at the meeting.

The Corporation's transfer agent will tabulate all votes which are received prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. The Corporation has appointed two employee inspectors of the elections to receive the transfer agent's tabulation, to tabulate all other votes, and to certify the results of the elections.

The principal occupation of each of the Directors and the Nominees for Directors of the Third Class is as set forth in the tables above and has been the same occupation for the past five years except with respect to (i) Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III, who was Chief Executive Officer until December 6, 1989, and became Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation on

December 11, 1987, after being President and Chief Executive Officer since 1960; (ii) Mr. Hans Helmerich, who became Chief Executive Officer on December 6, 1989, and became President and Chief Operating Officer of the Corporation on December 11, 1987, after being Executive Vice President since March 13, 1987, after being a Vice President of the Corporation since June 15, 1985; (iii) Mr. William L. Armstrong, who was a United States Senator from Colorado from 1978 through 1990; (iv) Mr. George A. Schaefer, who retired effective June 30, 1990, after being Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Caterpillar Inc. since 1985; (v) Mr. H. W. Todd, who retired effective January 1, 1990, after being Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, and President of Rohr Industries, Inc., for more than the past five years; (vi) Mr. Glenn A. Cox, who retired effective December 23, 1991, after being President and Chief Operating Officer of Phillips Petroleum Company since 1985; and (vii) Mr. C. W. Flint, Jr., who retired effective June 16, 1992, after being Chairman of Flint Industries, Inc., for more than the past five years. Mr. Hans Helmerich is a son of Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III.

ATTENDANCE

There were four regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors held during fiscal 1993. No Director attended fewer than 75% of the aggregate of the total number of the meetings of the Board of Directors held during fiscal 1993.

COMMITTEES

Mr. C. W. Flint, Jr., and Mr. W. F. Martin are members of the Audit Committee. On December 1, 1993, Mr. Glenn A. Cox was appointed as an additional member of the Audit Committee. The functions of the Audit Committee include: (1) reviewing with management and the Corporation's independent accountants the scope of the various audits to be conducted during the coming year; (2) reviewing with management and the independent accountants the results of such audits, including the auditor's comments on the Corporation's accounting policies and the adequacy of the internal controls; (3) discussing with management and the independent accountants the Corporation's annual financial statements; (4) reviewing fees paid to, and the

scope of services provided by, the independent accountants; (5) reviewing the independence of the independent accountants; (6) recommending to the full Board the engagement or discharge of the independent accountants; and (7) monitoring compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. During the year ended September 30, 1993, the Audit Committee held two meetings.

Mr. W. F. Martin and Mr. George A. Schaefer are members of the Human Resources Committee and Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III, was a member of such Committee from October 1, 1992 through November 30, 1993. All executive compensation decisions for fiscal 1993 were made by Messrs. Martin, Schaefer and Helmerich. On December 1, 1993, Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III, resigned as a member of the Human Resources Committee and Mr. John D. Zeglis was appointed as a member of the Human Resources Committee to fill such vacancy. The functions of the Human Resources Committee are to review and make recommendations or decisions regarding: (1) the election and salaries of officers and key management employees; (2) bonus awards, stock option plans and awards, and other fringe benefit plans; and (3) management succession. During the year ended September 30, 1993, the Human Resources Committee held two meetings.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND OTHER INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF CASH AND CERTAIN OTHER COMPENSATION

The information contained in the following Summary Compensation Table for fiscal years 1993, 1992, and 1991 is furnished with respect to the named executive officers.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

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ANNUAL COMPENSATION	LONG-TERM COMPENSATION		(4)
	AWARDS	PAYOUTS	
(1)	(2)	(3)	
OTHER	RESTRICTED SECURITIES		

NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION	YEAR	SALARY (\$)	BONUS (\$)	ANNUAL COMPENSATION (\$)	STOCK AWARDS (\$)	UNDERLYING OPTIONS (#)	LTIP PAYOUTS (\$)	ALL OTHER COMPENSATION (\$)
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Hans Helmerich	1993	223,463	75,000	720	--	--	--	8,501
President and CEO	1992	210,313	75,000	648	--	--	--	9,703
George S. Dotson	1991	193,750	75,000	813	--	--	--	7,262
Vice President and President of Drilling Subsidiary	1993	201,850	70,000	720	--	--	--	7,680
Steven R. Shaw	1992	186,500	70,000	648	--	--	--	9,361
Vice President of Production	1991	164,000	70,000	2,244	--	--	--	6,262
Allen S. Braumiller	1993	160,375	35,000	720	--	--	--	6,484
Vice President of Exploration	1992	151,750	35,000	648	--	--	--	9,502
Douglas E. Fears	1991	141,250	35,000	1,182	--	--	--	5,438
Vice President of Finance	1993	148,263	20,000	720	--	--	--	35,157
S. Braumiller	1992	140,813	20,000	648	--	--	--	39,505
Exploration	1991	132,500	20,000	2,053	--	--	--	36,135
Douglas E. Fears	1993	131,513	15,000	720	--	--	--	6,797
Vice President of Finance	1992	125,062	15,000	648	--	--	--	7,038
Finance	1991	116,250	15,000	1,894	--	--	--	4,500

(1) The amounts specified in this column represent payments of estimated tax liability with respect to company-provided health benefits. The aggregate amount of perquisites and other personal benefits was less than either \$50,000 or 10% of the total annual salary and bonus reported for each of the named executive officers.

(2) As of September 30, 1993, Messrs. Helmerich, Dotson, Shaw, Braumiller, and Fears held 48,000, 36,000, 32,000, 16,000, and 28,000 shares of restricted stock respectively, with the value thereof on September 30, 1993 being \$1,632,000, \$1,224,000, \$1,088,000, \$544,000, and \$952,000, respectively. Notwithstanding these reported amounts, the actual value of the restricted stock held by the named executive officers will depend on the market value of the Corporation's stock at a future date. The terms of the Restricted Stock Plan for Senior Executives of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (the "Restricted Stock Plan") provide for vesting of 20% of the total number of shares awarded the participant on each of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh anniversary dates of the award. The Restricted Stock Plan prohibits a subsequent grant under such Plan until the restrictions upon any former grant have completely expired. If the participant for any reason ceases to be an employee of the Corporation, all shares then subject to restriction will be forfeited. Dividends will be payable on shares if and to the extent dividends are paid on the Corporation's stock generally.

(3) The references to "SARs" in the Summary Compensation Table and all other tables in this Proxy Statement have been omitted, since the Corporation has never authorized any SARs.

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(4) With respect to each of the named executive officers except Mr. Braumiller, the amounts specified in this column represent only the Corporation's matching contributions to its 401(k) Plan in behalf of each such executive officer. With respect to Mr. Braumiller, \$6,104, \$7,922, and \$5,062 were contributed to the 401(k) Plan by the Corporation in Mr. Braumiller's behalf in each of fiscal years 1993, 1992, and 1991, respectively. In each of fiscal years 1993, 1992, and 1991, Mr. Braumiller was paid \$29,053, \$31,583, and \$31,073, respectively, pursuant to an overriding royalty plan applicable only to geologists and geophysicists. The overriding royalty plan was terminated effective September 30, 1985.

STOCK OPTION GRANTS

OPTION GRANTS IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

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NAME	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING OPTIONS GRANTED (#)
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<S>	<C>
Hans Helmerich.....	None
George S. Dotson.....	None
Steven R. Shaw.....	None
Allen S. Braumiller.....	None
Douglas E. Fears.....	None

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OPTION EXERCISES AND HOLDINGS

The following table sets forth information with respect to the named executive officers of the Corporation concerning the exercise of options during the last fiscal year and unexercised options held as of the end of the fiscal year.

AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES IN LAST FISCAL YEAR AND FY-END OPTION VALUES

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NAME	SHARES ACQUIRED ON EXERCISE (#)	VALUE REALIZED (\$)	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED OPTIONS AT FY-END (#)	VALUE OF UNEXERCISED IN-THE-MONEY OPTIONS AT FY-END (\$) (1)
			EXERCISABLE/ UNEXERCISABLE	EXERCISABLE/ UNEXERCISABLE (2)
<S>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
Hans Helmerich.....	4,651	54,940	2,696/ 23,434	31,678/ 259,330
George S. Dotson.....	4,651	62,789	2,696/ 23,434	31,678/ 259,330
Steven R. Shaw.....	2,064	36,378	1,238/ 18,334	18,106/ 189,911
Allen S. Braumiller.....	1,052	8,810	842/ 6,669	12,630/ 62,910
Douglas E. Fears.....	-0-	-0-	600/ 10,200	2,888/ 79,050

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(1) Fair market value used for computations in this column was \$34.00 per share, which was the Corporation's closing price of its common stock on September 30, 1993.

(2) The Incentive Stock Option Plan pursuant to which certain options noted in this table were granted contains a cumulative restriction feature requiring sequential exercise of options granted under such plan. Therefore, certain out-of-the-money options must be exercised prior to certain in-the-money options. There were no out-of-the-money options as of September 30, 1993.

LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLANS

LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLANS -- AWARDS IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

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NAME	NUMBER OF SHARES, UNITS OR OTHER RIGHTS (#)
<S>	<C>
Hans Helmerich.....	None
George S. Dotson.....	None
Steven R. Shaw.....	None
Allen S. Braumiller.....	None
Douglas E. Fears.....	None

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PENSION PLANS

The pension plan benefit under the Corporation's retirement plan is calculated pursuant to the following formula:

Compensation X 1.5% = Annual Pension Benefit.

Pension benefits, which are accrued annually, are determined based on average compensation received throughout a participant's career. "Compensation" includes salary, bonus, vacation pay, sick pay, Section 401(k) elective deferrals, and Section 125 "cafeteria plan" deferrals. Therefore, the pension benefit is not determined primarily by final compensation and years of service.

Based upon this formula, an assumed annual salary growth rate of 6%, and an age 62 retirement date, the estimated annual benefits payable to each named executive officer at retirement are:

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NAME	AGE	ANNUAL RETIREMENT BENEFIT (1)
<S>	<C>	<C>
Hans Helmerich.....	35	\$352,616
George S. Dotson.....	53	\$127,998
Steven R. Shaw.....	43	\$125,388
Allen S. Braumiller.....	59	\$ 52,777
Douglas E. Fears.....	44	\$ 83,672

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(The annual retirement benefit has not been reduced for statutory compensation and benefit limits, as amounts over these limits would be payable pursuant to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Salaried Employees of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. The benefits listed above are computed as a straight single life annuity and are not subject to any reduction for Social Security or other offset amounts.

REPORT ON REPRICING OF OPTIONS

TEN-YEAR OPTION REPRICINGS

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NAME	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING OPTIONS REPRICED OR AMENDED (#)
<S>	<C>
Hans Helmerich.....	None
George S. Dotson.....	None
Steven R. Shaw.....	None
Allen S. Braumiller.....	None
Douglas E. Fears.....	None

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COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

During fiscal 1993, the members of the Corporation's Human Resources Committee (which functions as the Corporation's compensation committee) were Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III, Mr. W. F. Martin, and Mr. George A. Schaefer. Mr. Helmerich was formerly chief executive officer of the Corporation from 1960 until 1989. No executive officer of the Corporation has any relationship covered by the Compensation Committee Interlock regulations.

Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III, Chairman of the Board, retired from the Corporation in December of 1989. Pursuant to a consulting agreement with the Corporation, he receives \$154,800 per year for a one-year term commencing January 1, 1990, plus reimbursement of reasonable business, travel, and other expenses in consideration of his agreement to provide advisory and consulting

services (exclusive of services rendered by Mr. Helmerich as Chairman of the Board) to the Corporation. The consulting agreement is automatically renewed for successive one-year terms unless terminated by the Corporation or Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III.

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS AND TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND CHANGE-OF-CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS

The Helmerich & Payne, Inc., 1990 Stock Option Plan contains a provision whereby all stock options will automatically become fully vested and immediately exercisable without the requirement of any further act by the Corporation or participant in the event of a "change of control" of the Corporation, as defined in such plan. Pursuant to an agreement between the Corporation and the participants under the Restricted Stock Plan for Senior Executives of Helmerich & Payne, Inc., all restricted shares will automatically become fully vested, free of restrictions, without the requirement of any further act by the Corporation or a participant in the event of a "change of control" of the Corporation, as defined in such agreement.

If a named executive officer dies prior to age 65 while employed by the Corporation or after having retired under the Corporation's pension plan, then pursuant to an agreement with each named executive officer the surviving spouse of such deceased executive will be paid \$2,250 per month for 120 consecutive months, commencing upon the date of death. Alternatively, if the named executive officer remains in the employment of the Corporation until age 65 or has retired under the provisions of the Corporation's pension plan, then commencing on his 65th birthday such executive officer shall be paid \$225 per month for 120 consecutive months.

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HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

Decisions with regard to the compensation of the Corporation's executive officers are generally made by a three-member Human Resources Committee of the Board of Directors ("Committee"). Each member of the Committee is a non-employee director. Decisions about awards under the Corporation's stock-based compensation plans are made by the Committee and reported to the Board. All other decisions by the Committee relating to compensation of the Corporation's executive officers are reviewed by the Board. Generally, the Committee meets in December following the end of a particular fiscal year to consider prospective calendar-year salary adjustments, as well as to consider bonus compensation for executive officers during the prior fiscal year.

Executive Officer Compensation Policies

The Corporation's executive compensation policies are designed to provide competitive levels of compensation that integrate pay with the Corporation's performance, recognize individual initiative and achievements, and assist the Corporation in attracting and retaining qualified executives. The Committee relies in large part on compensation studies for the determination of competitive compensation. These studies include compensation data from several competitor companies including that contained within the S&P Oil and Gas Drilling Index on page 17 of this Proxy Statement. In order to implement these objectives, the Corporation has developed a straightforward compensation package consisting of salary, annual bonus, and periodic awards of stock options and/or restricted stock. Each element of the compensation package serves a different purpose. Salary and bonus are primarily designed to award current and past performance. Awards of stock options and restricted stock are primarily designed to tie a portion of each executive's compensation to long-term future performance of the Corporation. The value of these awards will increase or decrease based upon the future price of the Corporation's stock. Base salaries are conservatively set to recognize individual performance while attempting to approximate the average level of base salaries among the Corporation's competitors. Annual bonuses to executive officers are awarded based upon corporate performance criteria and the Committee's subjective determination of individual performance.

In determining executive compensation for fiscal 1993, the Committee considered the Corporation's overall historical performance and its future objectives and challenges rather than utilizing a formula based on any particular performance measure in a single year. The Committee believes that this policy provides a certain degree of stability in executive compensation considering the cyclical nature of

the Corporation's businesses. Within this framework, the Committee considered the following performance factors in making its compensation decisions in fiscal 1993: earnings per share; cash flow from operations; return on operating assets; and status of the Corporation's competitive position.

Stock Plans

The Committee believes that stock ownership by management through stock-based compensation arrangements is beneficial in aligning management's and shareholders' interests. Although the named executive officers did not receive any grants under the Corporation's Restricted Stock Plan in fiscal 1993, the Committee believes that by making infrequent restricted stock awards for a significant number of shares, as was done in 1990, the participant will be motivated to increase the

Corporation's profits, asset values, and stock price over the long term. The Restricted Stock Plan provides for vesting of 20% of the total number of shares awarded to the participant on each of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh anniversary dates of the award. The Restricted Stock Plan prohibits a subsequent grant under such Plan until all restrictions attributable to any former grant have expired. If the participant for any reason ceases to be an employee of the Corporation prior to the expiration of all restrictions, all shares then subject to restriction will be forfeited. Further, since the date of the restricted stock grants, no stock options have been awarded to any of the Restricted Stock Plan participants.

Compensation Paid to the Chief Executive Officer

Compensation paid to the CEO in fiscal 1993 consisted primarily of base salary and annual bonus. Mr. Helmerich received a \$75,000 bonus and a 4.5% increase from the amount of salary and bonus received in calendar year 1992. The increase in CEO compensation was made in light of the Committee's subjective assessment of the quality of leadership displayed by Mr. Helmerich during a period of instability in the energy industry, and in consideration of the significant increase in the profitability of the Corporation.

SUBMITTED BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

W. H. Helmerich, III W. F. Martin George A. Schaefer

PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The following performance graph reflects yearly percentage change in the Corporation's cumulative total stockholder return on common stock as compared with the cumulative total return of the S&P 500 Stock Index and the S&P Oil & Gas Drilling Index. All cumulative returns assume reinvestment of dividends and are calculated on a fiscal year basis ending on September 30 of each year.

CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN ON COMMON STOCK

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MEASUREMENT PERIOD (FISCAL YEAR COVERED)	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
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HELMERICH & PAYNE	100.00	139.90	147.34	116.80	137.73	176.26
S&P 500 INDEX	100.00	133.01	120.71	158.34	175.83	198.69
S&P OIL & GAS DRILLING INDEX	100.00	140.14	185.73	119.48	134.12	163.59

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DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Each Director not regularly employed by the Corporation presently receives a retainer of \$2,500 per quarter on each December 1, March 1, June 1, and September 1 that he is a Director and an attendance fee of \$2,500 for each regularly scheduled meeting that he attends, plus expenses incurred in connection with attending meetings. Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III, receives no compensation from the Corporation for serving as its Chairman of the Board. In addition, members of the Audit Committee and the Human Resources Committee (other than Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III) receive a fee of \$500 per meeting

attended, plus expenses incurred in connection with attending meetings. It is anticipated that there will be four regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors during fiscal 1994.

TRANSACTIONS WITH MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS

Mr. W. H. Helmerich, III, acts as a consultant to the Corporation pursuant to a consulting agreement described under "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation."

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16(A) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 1993, all required reports were filed on a timely basis with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In making this disclosure, the Corporation has relied solely upon the written representations of its directors and executive officers and copies of the reports they have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

The independent public accounting firm selected by the Corporation for the current year which audited the accounts of the Corporation for the fiscal year most recently completed is Arthur Andersen & Co. Representatives of Arthur Andersen & Co. are expected to be present at the stockholders' meeting with the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and to respond to appropriate questions.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

The Corporation's annual meeting for 1995 will be held Wednesday, March 1, 1995. Any stockholder wishing to submit a proposal to the vote of the stockholders at such 1995 annual meeting must submit such proposal or proposals in writing to the Corporation at its executive office in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Attention: Corporate Secretary, on or before September 30, 1994.

OTHER MATTERS

As of this date, management knows of no business which will come before the meeting other than that set forth in the notice of said meeting. If any other matter properly comes before the meeting, the persons named as proxies will vote on it in accordance with their best judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ STEVEN R. MACKEY
STEVEN R. MACKEY
Secretary

Dated: January 26, 1994

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD
MARCH 2, 1994
AND
PROXY STATEMENT

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PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING
HELMERICH & PAYNE, INC.

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THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED BY AND ON BEHALF OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
The undersigned hereby appoints as his/her proxies,
with powers of substitution and revocation, W. H.
Helmerich, III, Hans Helmerich, and Steven R.
Mackey, or each of them, to vote all shares of
Helmerich & Payne, Inc., which the undersigned would
be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of
Stockholders of Helmerich & Payne, Inc., to be held
on the 41st Floor of the First National Tower
Building, 15 East Fifth Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on
Wednesday, March 2, 1994, at 12:00 noon, Tulsa time,
and all adjournments thereof.

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1. Nominees for Directors of the "Third Class" for a three-year term are W. H.
Helmerich, III, William L. Armstrong, and Glenn A. Cox. DIRECTORS RECOMMEND A
VOTE FOR ITEM 1.

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THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE STOCKHOLDER AS
SPECIFIED IN THE SQUARES AND ON THE LINE PROVIDED ON THE REVERSE SIDE HEREOF;
HOWEVER, IF NO SPECIFICATION IS MADE IN THE SQUARES OR ON THE LINE PROVIDED, THE
SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF THE FULL
SLATE OF DIRECTORS.

PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.
Dated: _____, 1994.

(Sign here exactly as name
appears. When signing as
attorney, executor,
administrator, guardian, or
corporate official, please give
your full title as such.)

APPENDIX TO ELECTRONIC FILING

LIST OF IMAGE INFORMATION NOT FILED ELECTRONICALLY

Photographs of the Directors and Nominees for Directors have been omitted from
Pages 5 through 7 of this Proxy Statement.

