

NOBLE CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
DAY JAMES C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
13135 SOUTH DAIRY  
ASHFORD, SUITE 800  
(Street)

SUGAR LAND, TX 77478

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NOBLE CORP [NE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/28/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount (A) or (D) Price                                                                       |                                                          |                                            |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 03/28/2005                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 87,500 A \$ 25.937                                                                            | 87,500                                                   | D                                          |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 03/28/2005                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 87,500 D \$ 54.6941                                                                           | 0                                                        | D                                          |
| Ordinary Shares                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | 334,504.9345 (1)                                         | D                                          |
| Ordinary Shares                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | 7,830.865 (2)                                            | I By Trust                                 |

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) |        |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy       | \$ 54.6941                                             | 03/28/2005                           |                                                    | M                              | 87,500                                                                                  | <u>(3)</u> 07/24/2007                                    | Ordinary Shares                                               | 87,500 |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| DAY JAMES C<br>13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD<br>SUITE 800<br>SUGAR LAND, TX 77478 | X             |           | Chairman of the Board & CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James C. Day                      03/28/2005

\*\*Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) Includes 23,883.0745 shares related to phantom stock units allocated to the Reporting Person under the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Restoration Plan and 297.86 to be awarded to the Reporting Person on the last business day of March 2005 by this issuer in lieu of a portion of the Reporting Person's cash salary at the election of the Reporting Person, which units are payable to the Reporting Person solely in Ordinary Shares upon any distribution of such units from such plan.
  - (2) Shares are held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan Trust.
  - (3) Represents option to purchase 87,500 shares with a vesting schedule of 29,166 shares on 07/24/98; 29,167 shares on 07/24/99 and 29,167 shares on 07/24/00.

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