

JACKSON MARK A
Form 4
September 13, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JACKSON MARK A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

13135 SO. 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)
09/09/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP,COO,CFO,Treas,Ctrlr,& ASec

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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)
Ordinary Shares	09/09/2005		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 5,000 A \$ 31.2	5,000	D	
Ordinary Shares	09/09/2005		S	5,000 D \$ 71.3	0	D	
Ordinary Shares					107,638	D	
Ordinary Shares					489.8882 ⁽¹⁾	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options - Right to Buy	\$ 31.2	09/09/2005		M	5,000	(2) 07/25/2012	Ordinary Shares	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

/s/ Mark A.
Jackson

09/09/2005

**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) Shares are held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan Trust.

(2) Represents option to purchase 5,000 shares of the 75,000 shares granted on 7/25/02 with a vesting schedule of 25,000 shares on 7/25/03; 25,000 shares on 7/25/04; and 25,000 shares on 7/25/05.

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