

JACKSON MARK A
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FORM 4

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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 *
JACKSON MARK A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/29/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP, COO & Assistant Secretary

SUGARLAND, TX 77478

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	12/29/2005	A	13.7729 <u>(2)</u>					12/29/2005	<u>(3)</u>	Ordinary Shares	13.7729

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JACKSON MARK A 13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 800 SUGARLAND, TX 77478			SVP, COO & Assistant Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ Mark A.
Jackson

12/29/2005

**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).

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Consists of 13.7729 phantom stock units to be allocated to the Reporting Person under the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Restoration Plan (the "Plan"). These phantom stock units are payable to the Reporting Person in Ordinary Shares or cash upon any

(2) distribution of such units from the Plan. In accordance with the terms of the Plan, the price of the phantom shares was calculated as the average closing price of the Ordinary Shares during the last five trading days of the month in respect of which such match was made (December 2005).

(3) Units of phantom stock are payable to the Reporting Person in Ordinary Shares or cash upon any distribution of such units from the Plan.

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