

NOBLE CORP
Form 4
September 29, 2008

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 *
ROBERTSON JULIE J

(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)
09/26/2008

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)
Exec.VP & Corp. Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Ordinary Shares	09/26/2008		M		90,000	A	\$ 7.8125 531,609
Ordinary Shares	09/26/2008		S		42,500	D	\$ 46.9934 489,109
Ordinary Shares							6,160.2116 (1) I By Trust

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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	\$ 7.8125	09/26/2008		M		90,000		<u>(2)</u>	10/22/2008	Ordinary Shares	90,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
ROBERTSON JULIE J 13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 800 SUGAR LAND, TX 77478	Exec.VP & Corp. Sec.

Signatures

/s/Julie J.
Robertson

09/29/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

(2) Represents option to purchase 90,000 shares of the 90,000 shares granted on 10/22/98 with a vesting schedule of 30,000 on 10/22/99; 30,000 on 10/22/00 and 30,000 on 10/22/01.

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