

NOBLE CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â WILLIAMS DAVID W		(Month/Day/Year)	NOBLE CORP [NE]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/25/2007	
13135 SOUTH DAIRY				
ASHFORD,Â SUITE 800				
(Street)				
SUGAR LAND,Â TXÂ 77478				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		
1. Title of Security		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3. Ownership Form:	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 4)		(Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	(Instr. 5)
Ordinary Shares		50,000	D	Â
Ordinary Shares		65.8021 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Trust

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
(give title below) (specify below)
SVP & COO

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

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Ordinary Shares	50,000	D	Â
Ordinary Shares	65.8021 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Stock Options	Â (2)	09/20/2016	Ordinary Shares	50,000	\$ 63.01	D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIAMS DAVID W 13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 800 SUGAR LAND, TX 77478	Â	Â	Â SVP & COO	Â

Signatures

/s/ David W.
Williams

04/27/2007

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan Trust.
- (2) Represents option to purchase 50,000 shares with a vesting schedule of 16,666 shares on 9/20/07; 16,667 shares on 9/20/08; and 16,667 shares on 9/20/09.

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