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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ADKINS DANNY W

(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)  
08/03/2005

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)  
Sr. VP - Operations

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 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                 | 08/03/2005                           |  | M                              |   | 25,000  | A  | \$ 31.2   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 08/03/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 25,000  | D  | \$ 70.1501  |
| Ordinary Shares                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 49,130  | D  |   |
| Ordinary Shares                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,675.4189  | I  | (1)   |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy       | \$ 31.2 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | 08/03/2005                           |  | M                              | 25,000  | <sup>(2)</sup> 07/25/2012                                | Ordinary Shares   | 25,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| ADKINS DANNY W<br>13135 SO. DAIRY ASHFORD<br>SUITE 800<br>SUGAR LAND, TX 77478 |               |           | Sr. VP - Operations |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Danny W. Adkins 08/03/2005

\*\*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 25,000 shares of the 75,000 shares granted on 7/25/02 with a vesting schedule of 25,000 on 7/25/03; 25,000 on 7/25/04; and 25,000 on 7/25/05.
- (3) Number of derivative securities overstated by 5,999 in column 9 of Table II on one Form 4 filing dated June 14, 2005.

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