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NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD Form 8-K January 31, 2005

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) JANUARY 26, 2005

NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BERMUDA 000-49887 980363970 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

2ND FL. INTERNATIONAL TRADING CENTRE WARRENS

PO BOX 905E

ST. MICHAEL, BARBADOS

(Address of principal executive offices)

N/A (Zip Code)

(246) 421-9471 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On January 26, 2005, the Company issued a press release announcing that James C. Flores is being appointed to its Board of Directors. Mr. Flores became a Class III Director of the Company on January 25, 2005 and the Company expects that he will be elected as a member of its Compensation and Governance and Nominating Committees at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Flores and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director. During 2004, the Company provided drilling and logistical services to Plains Exploration & Production Company ("Plains"). The drilling and logistical services were provided by the Company to Plains at prevailing market rates. Amounts received for such services from Plains represented approximately 0.38% of the Company's consolidated operating revenues. Amounts received for such revenues represented approximately 1.7% of Plains' gross revenues. A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Flores's appointment is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits (numbered in accordance with Item 601 of Regulation S-K).

EXHIBIT NO. DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press release issued by the Company on January 26, 2005

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD.

Date: January 31, 2005 By: /s/ Daniel McLachlin

Daniel McLachlin

Vice President-Administration &

Secretary

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