

DAY JAMES C  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
DAY JAMES C

(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)  
03/31/2007

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Beneficial 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) | 8. Derivative Securities |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)                | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title              | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|-------------------------|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units | (1)                                | 03/31/2007       | A          | 9.4037<br>(2)  |                         |      |   |     |     | 03/31/2007          | (3)                | Ordinary<br>Shares | 9.4037 \$                           |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DAY JAMES C<br>13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD<br>SUITE 800<br>SUGAR LAND, TX 77478 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James C. Day                      04/03/2007  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) 1 for 1
- Consists of 9.4037 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 (March 2007).
- (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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