

Noble Corp / Switzerland
Form 10-Q
November 04, 2013
Table of Contents

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

FORM 10-Q

x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended: September 30, 2013

OR

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 000-53604

NOBLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Switzerland **98-0619597**
(State or other jurisdiction of **(I.R.S. employer**
incorporation or organization) **identification number)**
Dorfstrasse 19A, Baar, Switzerland 6340

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: 41 (41) 761-65-55

Commission file number: 001-31306

NOBLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands **98-0366361**
(State or other jurisdiction of **(I.R.S. employer**
incorporation or organization) **identification number)**
Suite 3D, Landmark Square, 64 Earth Close, P.O. Box 31327 Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands,
BWI, KY-1 1206

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (345) 938-0293

Indicate by check mark whether each registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether each registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

(§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether each registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Noble-Swiss: Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Noble-Cayman: Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether each registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

Number of shares outstanding and trading at October 31, 2013: Noble Corporation (Switzerland) 253,407,310

Number of shares outstanding at October 31, 2013: Noble Corporation (Cayman Islands) 261,245,693

Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation, meets the conditions set forth in General Instructions H(1) (a) and (b) to Form 10-Q and is therefore filing this Form 10-Q with the reduced disclosure format contemplated by paragraphs (b) and (c) of General Instruction H(2) of Form 10-Q.

Table of Contents**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

| | Page |
|--|-------------|
| PART I | |
| <u>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u> | |
| Item 1 | |
| <u>Financial Statements</u> | |
| Noble Corporation (Noble-Swiss) Financial Statements: | |
| <u>Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012</u> | 3 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012</u> | 4 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012</u> | 5 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012</u> | 6 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012</u> | 7 |
| Noble Corporation (Noble-Cayman) Financial Statements: | |
| <u>Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012</u> | 8 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012</u> | 9 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012</u> | 10 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012</u> | 11 |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012</u> | 12 |
| <u>Notes to Combined Consolidated Financial Statements</u> | 13 |
| Item 2 | |
| <u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u> | 40 |
| Item 3 | |
| <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u> | 55 |
| Item 4 | |
| <u>Controls and Procedures</u> | 56 |
| PART II | |
| <u>OTHER INFORMATION</u> | |
| Item 1 | |
| <u>Legal Proceedings</u> | 57 |
| Item 1A | |
| <u>Risk Factors</u> | 57 |
| Item 2 | |
| <u>Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u> | 58 |
| Item 6 | |
| <u>Exhibits</u> | 58 |
| <u>SIGNATURES</u> | 59 |
| <u>Index to Exhibits</u> | 60 |

This combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is separately filed by Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation (Noble-Swiss), and Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company (Noble-Cayman). Information in this filing relating to Noble-Cayman is filed by Noble-Swiss and separately by Noble-Cayman on its own behalf. Noble-Cayman makes no representation as to information relating to Noble-Swiss (except as it may relate to Noble-Cayman) or any other affiliate or subsidiary of Noble-Swiss. Since Noble-Cayman meets the conditions specified in General Instructions H(1)(a) and (b) to Form 10-Q, it is permitted to use the reduced disclosure format for wholly owned subsidiaries of reporting companies. Accordingly, Noble-Cayman has omitted from this report the information called for by Item 3 (Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk) of Part I of Form 10-Q and the following items of Part II of Form 10-Q: Item 2 (Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds) and Item 3 (Defaults upon Senior Securities).

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

This report should be read in its entirety as it pertains to each Registrant. Except where indicated, the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes are combined. References in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to Noble, the Company, we, us, our and words of similar meaning refer collectively to Noble-Swiss and its consolidated subsidiaries, including Noble-Cayman.

Table of Contents**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(In thousands)****(Unaudited)**

| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 178,370 | \$ 282,092 |
| Accounts receivable | 865,746 | 743,673 |
| Taxes receivable | 143,635 | 112,423 |
| Prepaid expenses | 52,752 | 43,962 |
| Other current assets | 134,500 | 123,175 |
| Total current assets | 1,375,003 | 1,305,325 |
| Property and equipment, at cost | 18,606,931 | 16,971,666 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (4,534,474) | (3,945,694) |
| Property and equipment, net | 14,072,457 | 13,025,972 |
| Other assets | 281,871 | 276,477 |
| Total assets | \$ 15,729,331 | \$ 14,607,774 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 318,013 | \$ 350,147 |
| Accrued payroll and related costs | 137,481 | 132,728 |
| Taxes payable | 134,318 | 135,257 |
| Dividends payable | 192,352 | 66,369 |
| Other current liabilities | 202,422 | 226,948 |
| Total current liabilities | 984,586 | 911,449 |
| Long-term debt | 5,307,838 | 4,634,375 |
| Deferred income taxes | 187,648 | 226,045 |
| Other liabilities | 392,443 | 347,615 |

| | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Total liabilities | 6,872,515 | 6,119,484 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Shares; 254,165 and 253,348 shares outstanding | 712,421 | 710,130 |
| Treasury shares, at cost; 777 and 589 shares | (28,627) | (21,069) |
| Additional paid-in capital | 117,458 | 83,531 |
| Retained earnings | 7,417,890 | 7,066,023 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (110,583) | (115,449) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 8,108,559 | 7,723,166 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 748,257 | 765,124 |
| Total equity | 8,856,816 | 8,488,290 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 15,729,331 | \$ 14,607,774 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME****(In thousands, except per share amounts)****(Unaudited)**

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Operating revenues | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | \$ 1,041,118 | \$ 833,212 | \$ 2,945,310 | \$ 2,427,759 |
| Reimbursables | 29,242 | 28,137 | 78,676 | 94,090 |
| Labor contract drilling services | 8,493 | 22,667 | 43,150 | 58,538 |
| Other | 28 | 16 | 105 | 258 |
| | 1,078,881 | 884,032 | 3,067,241 | 2,580,645 |
| Operating costs and expenses | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | 488,250 | 449,125 | 1,464,320 | 1,292,638 |
| Reimbursables | 23,671 | 21,047 | 61,294 | 76,618 |
| Labor contract drilling services | 8,153 | 12,991 | 29,804 | 34,070 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 223,711 | 195,087 | 642,456 | 549,779 |
| General and administrative | 33,776 | 26,858 | 86,196 | 75,388 |
| Loss on impairment | 3,585 | | 3,585 | 18,345 |
| Gain on disposal of assets, net | (35,646) | | (35,646) | |
| Gain on contract settlements/extinguishments, net | (45,000) | | (46,800) | (33,255) |
| | 700,500 | 705,108 | 2,205,209 | 2,013,583 |
| Operating income | 378,381 | 178,924 | 862,032 | 567,062 |
| Other income (expense) | | | | |
| Interest expense, net of amount capitalized | (23,149) | (25,635) | (75,115) | (56,783) |
| Interest income and other, net | 1,057 | 1,553 | 1,587 | 4,526 |
| Income before income taxes | 356,289 | 154,842 | 788,504 | 514,805 |
| Income tax provision | (55,830) | (25,162) | (127,006) | (93,107) |
| Net income | 300,459 | 129,680 | 661,498 | 421,698 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (18,502) | (14,906) | (52,861) | (26,931) |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 281,957 | \$ 114,774 | \$ 608,637 | \$ 394,767 |
| Net income per share | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 1.10 | \$ 0.45 | \$ 2.37 | \$ 1.55 |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

Diluted

\$ 1.10 \$ 0.45 \$ 2.37 \$ 1.55

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Net income | \$ 300,459 | \$ 129,680 | \$ 661,498 | \$ 421,698 |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | (1,135) | 2,033 | (658) | (4,994) |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | 5,320 | | 589 | 3,061 |
| Amortization of deferred pension plan amounts (net of tax provision of \$732 and \$790 for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$2,192 and \$2,157 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively) | 1,661 | 1,351 | 4,935 | 4,177 |
| Other comprehensive income, net | 5,846 | 3,384 | 4,866 | 2,244 |
| Net comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (18,502) | (14,906) | (52,861) | (26,931) |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 287,803 | \$ 118,158 | \$ 613,503 | \$ 397,011 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(In thousands)****(Unaudited)**

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net income | \$ 661,498 | \$ 421,698 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 642,456 | 549,779 |
| Loss on impairment | 3,585 | 18,345 |
| Gain on disposal of assets, net | (35,646) | |
| Deferred income taxes | (41,400) | (16,090) |
| Amortization of share-based compensation | 33,471 | 28,782 |
| Net change in other assets and liabilities | (102,310) | (71,010) |
| Net cash from operating activities | 1,161,654 | 931,504 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Capital expenditures | (1,724,727) | (1,247,139) |
| Change in accrued capital expenditures | (66,946) | (195,044) |
| Proceeds from disposal of assets | 61,000 | |
| Net cash from investing activities | (1,730,673) | (1,442,183) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Net change in borrowings outstanding on bank credit facilities | 973,055 | (630,000) |
| Repayment of long-term debt | (300,000) | |
| Proceeds from issuance of senior notes, net of debt issuance costs | | 1,186,636 |
| Dividends paid to joint venture partner | (69,728) | |
| Contributions from joint venture partner | | 40,000 |
| Financing costs on credit facilities | (2,432) | (5,014) |
| Par value reduction/dividend payments | (130,787) | (105,092) |
| Proceeds from employee stock transactions | 2,747 | 13,853 |
| Repurchases of employee shares surrendered for taxes | (7,558) | (10,433) |
| Net cash from financing activities | 465,297 | 489,950 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (103,722) | (20,729) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 282,092 | 239,196 |

| | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 178,370 | \$ 218,467 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

| | Shares | | Additional | Retained | Treasury | Accumulated Other | Noncontrolling | Total |
|---|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | Balance | Par Value | Paid-in Capital | Earnings | Shares | Comprehensive Loss | Interests | Equity |
| Balance at December 31, 2011 | 252,639 | \$ 766,595 | \$ 48,356 | \$ 6,676,444 | \$ (10,553) | \$ (74,321) | \$ 691,331 | \$ 8,097,852 |
| Employee related equity activity | | | | | | | | |
| Amortization of share-based compensation | | | 28,782 | | | | | 28,782 |
| Issuance of share-based compensation shares | 428 | 1,284 | (1,276) | | | | | 8 |
| Exercise of stock options | 606 | 1,722 | 10,949 | | | | | 12,671 |
| Tax benefit of employee stock transactions | | | 1,174 | | | | | 1,174 |
| Restricted shares forfeited or repurchased for taxes | (374) | (1,138) | 1,138 | | (10,433) | | | (10,433) |
| Net income | | | | 394,767 | | | 26,931 | 421,698 |
| Equity contribution by joint venture partner | | | | | | | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Par value reduction payments | | (58,470) | (13,427) | | | | | (71,897) |
| Dividends declared | | | | (132,777) | | | | (132,777) |
| Other comprehensive | | | | | | 2,244 | | 2,244 |

income, net

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Balance at September 30, 2012 | 253,299 | \$ 709,993 | \$ 75,696 | \$ 6,938,434 | \$ (20,986) | \$ (72,077) | \$ 758,262 | \$ 8,389,322 |
| Balance at December 31, 2012 | 253,348 | \$ 710,130 | \$ 83,531 | \$ 7,066,023 | \$ (21,069) | \$ (115,449) | \$ 765,124 | \$ 8,488,290 |
| Employee related equity activity | | | | | | | | |
| Amortization of share-based compensation | | | 33,471 | | | | | 33,471 |
| Issuance of share-based compensation shares | 659 | 1,851 | (1,834) | | | | | 17 |
| Exercise of stock options | 158 | 440 | 3,760 | | | | | 4,200 |
| Tax benefit of employee stock transactions | | | (1,470) | | | | | (1,470) |
| Restricted shares forfeited or repurchased for taxes | | | | | (7,558) | | | (7,558) |
| Net income | | | | 608,637 | | | 52,861 | 661,498 |
| Dividends declared | | | | (256,770) | | | | (256,770) |
| Dividends paid to joint venture partner | | | | | | | (69,728) | (69,728) |
| Other comprehensive income, net | | | | | | 4,866 | | 4,866 |
| Balance at September 30, 2013 | 254,165 | \$ 712,421 | \$ 117,458 | \$ 7,417,890 | \$ (28,627) | \$ (110,583) | \$ 748,257 | \$ 8,856,816 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(In thousands)****(Unaudited)**

| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 173,717 | \$ 277,375 |
| Accounts receivable | 865,746 | 743,673 |
| Taxes receivable | 143,238 | 112,310 |
| Prepaid expenses | 49,329 | 41,232 |
| Other current assets | 134,004 | 122,649 |
| Total current assets | 1,366,034 | 1,297,239 |
| Property and equipment, at cost | 18,569,631 | 16,935,147 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (4,526,002) | (3,938,518) |
| Property and equipment, net | 14,043,629 | 12,996,629 |
| Other assets | 281,956 | 276,558 |
| Total assets | \$ 15,691,619 | \$ 14,570,426 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 315,933 | \$ 349,594 |
| Accrued payroll and related costs | 129,170 | 123,936 |
| Taxes payable | 130,071 | 130,844 |
| Other current liabilities | 202,422 | 226,935 |
| Total current liabilities | 777,596 | 831,309 |
| Long-term debt | 5,307,838 | 4,634,375 |
| Deferred income taxes | 187,648 | 226,045 |
| Other liabilities | 392,443 | 347,615 |
| Total liabilities | 6,665,525 | 6,039,344 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Shareholders' equity | | |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

| | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Ordinary shares; 261,246 shares outstanding | 26,125 | 26,125 |
| Capital in excess of par value | 489,058 | 470,454 |
| Retained earnings | 7,873,237 | 7,384,828 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (110,583) | (115,449) |
| Total shareholders equity | 8,277,837 | 7,765,958 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 748,257 | 765,124 |
| Total equity | 9,026,094 | 8,531,082 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 15,691,619 | \$ 14,570,426 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Operating revenues | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | \$ 1,041,118 | \$ 833,212 | \$ 2,945,310 | \$ 2,427,759 |
| Reimbursables | 29,242 | 28,137 | 78,676 | 94,090 |
| Labor contract drilling services | 8,493 | 22,667 | 43,150 | 58,538 |
| Other | 28 | 16 | 105 | 258 |
| | 1,078,881 | 884,032 | 3,067,241 | 2,580,645 |
| Operating costs and expenses | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | 486,113 | 444,225 | 1,448,119 | 1,280,969 |
| Reimbursables | 23,671 | 21,047 | 61,294 | 76,618 |
| Labor contract drilling services | 8,153 | 12,991 | 29,804 | 34,070 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 223,176 | 194,595 | 641,159 | 548,271 |
| General and administrative | 7,251 | 15,487 | 37,682 | 44,964 |
| Loss on impairment | 3,585 | | 3,585 | 18,345 |
| Gain on disposal of assets, net | (35,646) | | (35,646) | |
| Gain on contract settlements/extinguishments, net | (45,000) | | (46,800) | (33,255) |
| | 671,303 | 688,345 | 2,139,197 | 1,969,982 |
| Operating income | 407,578 | 195,687 | 928,044 | 610,663 |
| Other income (expense) | | | | |
| Interest expense, net of amount capitalized | (23,149) | (25,635) | (75,115) | (56,783) |
| Interest income and other, net | 415 | 1,361 | 1,183 | 4,368 |
| Income before income taxes | 384,844 | 171,413 | 854,112 | 558,248 |
| Income tax provision | (55,488) | (24,784) | (125,232) | (91,972) |
| Net income | 329,356 | 146,629 | 728,880 | 466,276 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (18,502) | (14,906) | (52,861) | (26,931) |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 310,854 | \$ 131,723 | \$ 676,019 | \$ 439,345 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME****(In thousands)****(Unaudited)**

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|---|-------------|--|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Net income | \$ 329,356 | \$ 146,629 | \$ 728,880 | \$ 466,276 |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | (1,135) | 2,033 | (658) | (4,994) |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | 5,320 | | 589 | 3,061 |
| Amortization of deferred pension plan amounts (net of tax provision of \$732 and \$790 for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$2,192 and \$2,157 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively) | 1,661 | 1,351 | 4,935 | 4,177 |
| Other comprehensive income, net | 5,846 | 3,384 | 4,866 | 2,244 |
| Net comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (18,502) | (14,906) | (52,861) | (26,931) |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 316,700 | \$ 135,107 | \$ 680,885 | \$ 441,589 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net income | \$ 728,880 | \$ 466,276 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 641,159 | 548,271 |
| Loss on impairment | 3,585 | 18,345 |
| Gain on disposal of assets, net | (35,646) | |
| Deferred income taxes | (41,400) | (16,090) |
| Capital contribution by parent share-based compensation | 18,604 | 15,412 |
| Net change in other assets and liabilities | (102,238) | (75,357) |
| Net cash from operating activities | 1,212,944 | 956,857 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Capital expenditures | (1,723,941) | (1,245,671) |
| Change in accrued capital expenditures | (66,946) | (195,044) |
| Proceeds from disposal of assets | 61,000 | |
| Net cash from investing activities | (1,729,887) | (1,440,715) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Net change in borrowings outstanding on bank credit facilities | 973,055 | (630,000) |
| Repayment of long-term debt | (300,000) | |
| Proceeds from issuance of senior notes, net of debt issuance costs | | 1,186,636 |
| Dividends paid to joint venture partner | (69,728) | |
| Contributions from joint venture partner | | 40,000 |
| Financing costs on credit facilities | (2,432) | (5,014) |
| Distributions to parent company, net | (187,610) | (129,139) |
| Net cash from financing activities | 413,285 | 462,483 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (103,658) | (21,375) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 277,375 | 235,056 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 173,717 | \$ 213,681 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

| | Shares Balance | Par Value | Capital in Excess of Par Value | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Noncontrolling Interests | Total Equity |
|--|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2011 | 261,246 | \$ 26,125 | \$ 450,616 | \$ 6,979,882 | \$ (74,321) | \$ 691,331 | \$ 8,073,633 |
| Net income | | | | 439,345 | | 26,931 | 466,276 |
| Capital contributions by parent share-based compensation | | | 15,412 | | | | 15,412 |
| Distributions to parent | | | | (129,139) | | | (129,139) |
| Equity contribution by joint venture partner | | | | | | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Other comprehensive income, net | | | | | 2,244 | | 2,244 |
| Balance at September 30, 2012 | 261,246 | \$ 26,125 | \$ 466,028 | \$ 7,290,088 | \$ (72,077) | \$ 758,262 | \$ 8,468,426 |
| Balance at December 31, 2012 | 261,246 | \$ 26,125 | \$ 470,454 | \$ 7,384,828 | \$ (115,449) | \$ 765,124 | \$ 8,531,082 |
| Net income | | | | 676,019 | | 52,861 | 728,880 |
| Capital contributions by parent share-based compensation | | | 18,604 | | | | 18,604 |
| Distributions to parent | | | | (187,610) | | | (187,610) |
| Dividends paid to joint venture partner | | | | | | (69,728) | (69,728) |
| Other comprehensive income, net | | | | | 4,866 | | 4,866 |
| Balance at September 30, 2013 | 261,246 | \$ 26,125 | \$ 489,058 | \$ 7,873,237 | \$ (110,583) | \$ 748,257 | \$ 9,026,094 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Note 1 Organization and Basis of Presentation

Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation (Noble-Swiss), is a leading offshore drilling contractor for the oil and gas industry. We perform contract drilling services with our fleet of 79 mobile offshore drilling units located worldwide. We also own one floating production storage and offloading unit (FPSO). Currently, our fleet consists of 14 semisubmersibles, 14 drillships, 49 jackups and two submersibles. At September 30, 2013, we had nine units under construction as follows:

three dynamically positioned, ultra-deepwater, harsh environment drillships; and

six high-specification heavy-duty, harsh environment jackups.

Subsequent to September 30, 2013, one newbuild drillship, the *Noble Bob Douglas*, and one newbuild jackup, the *Noble Regina Allen*, were delivered from the shipyard. These units are currently mobilizing, undergoing final commissioning and customer acceptance testing before commencing their respective contracts.

Our fleet is deployed globally in oil and gas producing regions. Noble and its predecessors have been engaged in the contract drilling of oil and gas wells since 1921.

Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company (Noble-Cayman) is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Noble-Swiss, our publicly-traded parent company. Noble-Swiss principal asset is all of the shares of Noble-Cayman. Noble-Cayman has no public equity outstanding. The consolidated financial statements of Noble-Swiss include the accounts of Noble-Cayman, and Noble-Swiss conducts substantially all of its business through Noble-Cayman and its subsidiaries.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Noble-Swiss and Noble-Cayman have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as they pertain to Form 10-Q. Accordingly, certain information and disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. The unaudited financial statements reflect all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of the financial position and results of operations for the interim periods, on a basis consistent with the annual audited consolidated financial statements. All such adjustments are of a recurring nature. The December 31, 2012 Consolidated Balance Sheets presented herein are derived from the December 31, 2012 audited consolidated financial statements. These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed by both Noble-Swiss and Noble-Cayman.

The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

Certain amounts in prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Migration to the United Kingdom

In October 2013, our shareholders approved the previously announced proposed corporate reorganization transaction (the Transaction) of Noble-Swiss and the group of companies it controls. The Transaction will merge Noble-Swiss into a newly formed subsidiary incorporated under English law, Noble Corporation plc (Noble-UK), which will become our new holding company. The Transaction will effectively change the place of incorporation of our publicly traded parent company from Switzerland to the United Kingdom. Subject to the completion of certain closing requirements, the Transaction is expected to be completed in November 2013.

In the Transaction, all of the outstanding ordinary shares of Noble-Swiss will be cancelled, and Noble-UK will issue, through an exchange agent, one ordinary share of Noble-UK in exchange for each ordinary share of Noble-Swiss. Upon completion of the Transaction, Noble-UK will own and continue to conduct the same businesses through the Noble group as Noble-Swiss conducted prior to the Transaction, except that Noble-UK will be the parent company of the Noble group of companies. Noble-UK is expected to become subject to SEC reporting requirements and its ordinary shares have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NE, subject to notice of issuance.

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Proposed Spin-off Transaction

In September 2013, we announced that our Board of Directors approved a plan to reorganize our business by means of a separation and spin-off of a newly formed subsidiary whose assets and liabilities would consist of most of our standard specification drilling units and related assets, liabilities and business (the Separation), resulting in the creation of two separate offshore drilling companies. The drilling units to be owned and operated by the new company include five drillships, three semisubmersibles, 34 jackups, two submersibles and one FPSO, as well as the Hibernia platform operations offshore Canada. We will continue to own and operate our high-specification assets with particular operating focus in deepwater and ultra-deepwater markets for drillships and semisubmersibles and harsh environment and high-specification markets for jackups. The Separation is subject to several conditions, including final board approval and shareholder approval.

Note 2 Consolidated Joint Ventures

We maintain a 50 percent interest in two joint ventures, each with a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell plc. (Shell), that own and operate the two *Bully*-class drillships. We have determined that we are the primary beneficiary for accounting purposes. Accordingly, we consolidate the entities in our consolidated financial statements after eliminating intercompany transactions. Shell's equity interests are presented as noncontrolling interests on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In April 2011, the Bully joint venture partners entered into capital contribution agreements whereby capital calls up to a total of \$360 million could be made for funds needed to complete the construction of the drillships. All contributions under these agreements have been made, with the final contribution made in the first quarter of 2012.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Bully joint venture partners approved and paid dividends totaling \$139 million.

The combined carrying amount of the *Bully*-class drillships at both September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 totaled \$1.4 billion. These assets were primarily funded through partner equity contributions. During 2012, these rigs commenced operations. Operational results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

| Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------|--|-------------|
| 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

| | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Operating revenues | \$ 94,847 | \$ 78,447 | \$ 272,620 | \$ 162,892 |
| Net income | \$ 36,488 | \$ 28,679 | \$ 103,123 | \$ 52,152 |

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Note 3 Share Data*Share capital*

The following table details Noble-Swiss share capital as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Shares outstanding and trading | 253,388 | 252,759 |
| Treasury shares | 777 | 589 |
| Total shares outstanding | 254,165 | 253,348 |
| Treasury shares held for share-based compensation plans | 11,985 | 12,802 |
| Total shares authorized for issuance | 266,150 | 266,150 |
| Par value per share (in Swiss Francs) | 3.15 | 3.15 |

Repurchased treasury shares are recorded at cost, and relate to shares surrendered by employees for taxes payable upon the vesting of restricted stock.

Our Board of Directors may increase Noble-Swiss share capital through the issuance of up to 133.1 million authorized shares without obtaining shareholder approval. The issuance of these authorized shares is subject to certain conditions regarding their use.

In April 2012, our shareholders approved the payment of a dividend aggregating \$0.52 per share, which was paid in four equal installments, with the final payment having been made in May 2013.

In April 2013, our shareholders approved the payment of a dividend aggregating \$1.00 per share to be paid in four equal installments, the first of which was paid in August 2013, with the remaining three installments currently scheduled for November 2013, February 2014 and May 2014, respectively. As of September 30, 2013, we had \$192 million of dividends payable outstanding. Our Board of Directors has the authority to accelerate the payment of any installment, or portions thereof, at its sole discretion at any time prior to payment of the final installment.

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Earnings per share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for Noble-Swiss:

| | Three months ended September 30, | | Nine months ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Allocation of net income | | | | |
| Basic | | | | |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 281,957 | \$ 114,774 | \$ 608,637 | \$ 394,767 |
| Earnings allocated to unvested share-based payment awards | (3,393) | (1,192) | (7,191) | (4,008) |
| Net income to common shareholders basic | \$ 278,564 | \$ 113,582 | \$ 601,446 | \$ 390,759 |
| Diluted | | | | |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 281,957 | \$ 114,774 | \$ 608,637 | \$ 394,767 |
| Earnings allocated to unvested share-based payment awards | (3,390) | (1,190) | (7,184) | (4,002) |
| Net income to common shareholders diluted | \$ 278,567 | \$ 113,584 | \$ 601,453 | \$ 390,765 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding basic | 253,357 | 252,657 | 253,242 | 252,339 |
| Incremental shares issuable from assumed exercise of stock options | 261 | 317 | 265 | 385 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding diluted | 253,618 | 252,974 | 253,507 | 252,724 |
| Weighted average unvested share-based payment awards | 3,086 | 2,651 | 3,028 | 2,588 |
| Earnings per share | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 1.10 | \$ 0.45 | \$ 2.37 | \$ 1.55 |
| Diluted | \$ 1.10 | \$ 0.45 | \$ 2.37 | \$ 1.55 |

Only those items having a dilutive impact on our basic earnings per share are included in diluted earnings per share. For the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, stock options representing approximately 0.9 million and

1.1 million shares, respectively, were excluded from the diluted earnings per share as they were not dilutive.

Note 4 Receivables from Customers

At September 30, 2013, we had receivables of approximately \$14 million related to the *Noble Max Smith*, which are being disputed by our customer, Pemex Exploracion y Produccion (Pemex). These receivables have been classified as long-term and are included in Other assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheet. The disputed amounts relate to lost revenues for downtime that occurred after our rig was damaged when one of Pemex's supply boats collided with our rig in 2010. In January 2012, we filed a lawsuit against Pemex in Mexican court seeking recovery of these amounts. While we can make no assurances as to the outcome of this dispute, we believe we are entitled to the disputed amounts.

Note 5 Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, at cost, as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 consisted of the following:

| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Drilling equipment and facilities | \$ 15,835,848 | \$ 14,099,628 |
| Construction in progress | 2,569,052 | 2,677,385 |
| Other | 202,031 | 194,653 |
| Property and equipment, at cost | \$ 18,606,931 | \$ 16,971,666 |

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Capital expenditures, including capitalized interest, totaled \$1.7 billion and \$1.2 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Interest is capitalized on construction-in-progress at the weighted average cost of debt outstanding during the period of construction. Capitalized interest was \$31 million and \$92 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, as compared to \$31 million and \$108 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012.

Note 6 Loss on Impairment

During the second quarter of 2012, we determined that our submersible rig fleet, consisting of two cold stacked rigs, was partially impaired due to the declining market outlook for drilling services for this rig type. We estimated the fair value of the rigs based on the salvage value of the rigs and a recent transaction involving a similar unit owned by a peer company (Level 2 fair value measurement). Based on these estimates, we recognized a charge of approximately \$13 million in 2012. Also, during the second quarter of 2012, we determined that certain corporate assets were partially impaired due to a declining market for, and the potential disposal of, the assets. We estimated the fair value of the assets based on a signed letter of intent to sell the assets (Level 2 fair value measurement). Based on these estimates, we recognized a charge of approximately \$5 million in 2012.

During the third quarter of 2013, we recorded an additional impairment charge of approximately \$4 million on our two cold stacked submersible rigs arising from the potential disposition of these assets to an unrelated third party.

Note 7 Gain on Disposal of Assets, net

During the third quarter of 2013, we completed the sale of the *Noble Lewis Dugger* for \$61 million to an unrelated third party in Mexico. In connection with the sale, we recorded a pre-tax gain of approximately \$36 million.

Note 8 Gain on Contract Settlements/Extinguishments, net

During the third quarter of 2013, we received \$45 million related to the settlement of all claims against the former shareholders of FDR Holdings, Ltd., which we acquired in July 2010, relating to alleged breaches of various representations and warranties contained in the purchase agreement.

During the second quarter of 2012, we received approximately \$5 million from the settlement of a claim relating to the *Noble David Tinsley*, which had experienced a punch-through while being positioned on location in 2009. We had originally recorded a \$17 million charge during 2009 related to this incident. Additionally, during the second quarter of 2012, we settled an action against certain vendors for damages sustained during Hurricane Ike. We recognized a net gain of approximately \$28 million related to this settlement. We also resolved all outstanding matters with Anadarko Petroleum Company in the second quarter of 2012 related to the previously disclosed force majeure action, Hurricane Ike matters and receivables relating to the *Noble Amos Runner*.

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Note 9 Debt

Total debt consisted of the following at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Senior unsecured notes: | | |
| 5.875% Senior Notes due 2013 | \$ | \$ 299,985 |
| 7.375% Senior Notes due 2014 | 249,922 | 249,799 |
| 3.45% Senior Notes due 2015 | 350,000 | 350,000 |
| 3.05% Senior Notes due 2016 | 299,963 | 299,952 |
| 2.50% Senior Notes due 2017 | 299,877 | 299,852 |
| 7.50% Senior Notes due 2019 | 201,695 | 201,695 |
| 4.90% Senior Notes due 2020 | 498,991 | 498,900 |
| 4.625% Senior Notes due 2021 | 399,563 | 399,527 |
| 3.95% Senior Notes due 2022 | 399,157 | 399,095 |
| 6.20% Senior Notes due 2040 | 399,892 | 399,891 |
| 6.05% Senior Notes due 2041 | 397,638 | 397,613 |
| 5.25% Senior Notes due 2042 | 498,276 | 498,257 |
| Total senior unsecured notes | 3,994,974 | 4,294,566 |
| Commercial paper program | 1,312,864 | 339,809 |
| Total long-term debt | \$ 5,307,838 | \$ 4,634,375 |

Credit Facilities and Commercial Paper Program

We currently have three separate credit facilities with an aggregate maximum available capacity of \$2.9 billion (together, the Credit Facilities), which includes a \$600 million 364-day unsecured revolving credit agreement we entered into in August 2013. In addition, we have an \$800 million credit facility maturing in 2015 and a \$1.5 billion credit facility maturing in 2017. We also established a commercial paper program in September 2012, which allows us to issue up to \$1.8 billion in unsecured commercial paper notes. Amounts issued under the commercial paper program are supported by our Credit Facilities and, therefore, are classified as long-term on our Consolidated Balance Sheet. Our total debt related to the Credit Facilities and commercial paper program was \$1.3 billion at September 30, 2013 as compared to \$340 million at December 31, 2012. At September 30, 2013, we had approximately \$1.6 billion of available capacity under the Credit Facilities.

The Credit Facilities provide us with the ability to issue up to \$375 million in letters of credit in the aggregate. The issuance of letters of credit does not increase our borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facilities, but it does reduce the amount available. At September 30, 2013, we had no letters of credit issued under the Credit Facilities.

Senior Unsecured Notes

In February 2012, we issued, through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, Noble Holding International Limited (NHIL), \$1.2 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes in three separate tranches, comprising \$300 million of 2.50% Senior Notes due 2017, \$400 million of 3.95% Senior Notes due 2022, and \$500 million of 5.25% Senior Notes due 2042. The weighted average coupon of all three tranches is 4.13%. The net proceeds of approximately \$1.19 billion, after expenses, were primarily used to repay the then outstanding balance on our Credit Facilities.

Our 5.875% Senior Notes matured during the second quarter of 2013. We used proceeds from our commercial paper program to repay the \$300 million outstanding balance.

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Covenants

The Credit Facilities are guaranteed by our indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, NHIL and Noble Drilling Corporation (NDC). The covenants and events of default under the Credit Facilities are substantially similar, and each facility contains a covenant that limits our ratio of debt to total tangible capitalization, as defined in the Credit Facilities, to 0.60. At September 30, 2013, our ratio of debt to total tangible capitalization was approximately 0.37. We were in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Facilities as of September 30, 2013.

In addition to the covenants from the Credit Facilities noted above, the indentures governing our outstanding senior unsecured notes contain covenants that place restrictions on certain merger and consolidation transactions, unless we are the surviving entity or the other party assumes the obligations under the indenture, and on the ability to sell or transfer all or substantially all of our assets. In addition, there are restrictions on incurring or assuming certain liens and sale and lease-back transactions. At September 30, 2013, we were in compliance with all of our debt covenants. We continually monitor compliance with the covenants under our notes and, based on our expectations for 2013, expect to remain in compliance during the year.

Fair Value of Debt

Fair value represents the amount at which an instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. The estimated fair value of our senior notes was based on the quoted market prices for similar issues or on the current rates offered to us for debt of similar remaining maturities (Level 2 measurement).

The following table presents the estimated fair value of our long-term debt as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively:

| | September 30, 2013 | | December 31, 2012 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Carrying Value | Estimated Fair Value | Carrying Value | Estimated Fair Value |
| Senior unsecured notes: | | | | |
| 5.875% Senior Notes due 2013 | \$ | \$ | \$ 299,985 | \$ 305,594 |
| 7.375% Senior Notes due 2014 | 249,922 | 257,442 | 249,799 | 269,008 |
| 3.45% Senior Notes due 2015 | 350,000 | 363,551 | 350,000 | 368,824 |
| 3.05% Senior Notes due 2016 | 299,963 | 309,374 | 299,952 | 316,268 |
| 2.50% Senior Notes due 2017 | 299,877 | 301,995 | 299,852 | 309,846 |
| 7.50% Senior Notes due 2019 | 201,695 | 235,014 | 201,695 | 249,358 |
| 4.90% Senior Notes due 2020 | 498,991 | 523,400 | 498,900 | 562,530 |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 4.625% Senior Notes due 2021 | 399,563 | 407,416 | 399,527 | 442,776 |
| 3.95% Senior Notes due 2022 | 399,157 | 385,207 | 399,095 | 422,227 |
| 6.20% Senior Notes due 2040 | 399,892 | 407,789 | 399,891 | 477,327 |
| 6.05% Senior Notes due 2041 | 397,638 | 400,740 | 397,613 | 468,256 |
| 5.25% Senior Notes due 2042 | 498,276 | 451,050 | 498,257 | 533,422 |
| Total senior unsecured notes | 3,994,974 | 4,042,978 | 4,294,566 | 4,725,436 |
| Commercial paper program | 1,312,864 | 1,312,864 | 339,809 | 339,809 |
| Total long-term debt | \$ 5,307,838 | \$ 5,355,842 | \$ 4,634,375 | \$ 5,065,245 |

Note 10 Income Taxes

At December 31, 2012, the reserves for uncertain tax positions totaled \$125 million (net of related tax benefits of \$10 million). At September 30, 2013, the reserves for uncertain tax positions totaled \$138 million (net of related tax benefits of \$2 million), and if not utilized, would reduce the provision for income taxes by \$138 million.

It is possible that our existing liabilities related to our reserves for uncertain tax positions may change in the next 12 months primarily due to the completion of open audits or the expiration of statutes of limitation. However, we cannot reasonably estimate a range of changes in our existing liabilities due to various uncertainties, such as the unresolved nature of various audits.

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Note 11 Employee Benefit Plans

Pension costs include the following components:

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | | 2012 | |
| | Non-U.S. | U.S. | Non-U.S. | U.S. |
| Service cost | \$ 1,361 | \$ 2,681 | \$ 1,072 | \$ 2,431 |
| Interest cost | 1,259 | 2,263 | 1,317 | 2,196 |
| Return on plan assets | (1,443) | (3,275) | (1,313) | (2,793) |
| Amortization of prior service cost | | 57 | | 57 |
| Recognized net actuarial loss | 426 | 1,910 | 199 | 1,885 |
| Net pension expense | \$ 1,603 | \$ 3,636 | \$ 1,275 | \$ 3,776 |

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | | 2012 | |
| | Non-U.S. | U.S. | Non-U.S. | U.S. |
| Service cost | \$ 4,089 | \$ 8,043 | \$ 3,306 | \$ 7,237 |
| Interest cost | 3,793 | 6,787 | 4,025 | 6,556 |
| Return on plan assets | (4,351) | (9,827) | (4,001) | (8,379) |
| Amortization of prior service cost | | 171 | | 171 |
| Recognized net actuarial loss | 1,226 | 5,730 | 600 | 5,563 |
| Net pension expense | \$ 4,757 | \$ 10,904 | \$ 3,930 | \$ 11,148 |

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, we made contributions to our pension plans totaling \$5 million and \$13 million, respectively.

Note 12 Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

We periodically enter into derivative instruments to manage our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. We have documented policies and procedures to monitor and control the use of derivative instruments. We do not engage in derivative transactions for speculative or trading purposes, nor are we a party to

leveraged derivatives.

For foreign currency forward contracts, hedge effectiveness is evaluated at inception based on the matching of critical terms between derivative contracts and the hedged item. Any change in fair value resulting from ineffectiveness is recognized immediately in earnings.

Cash Flow Hedges

Our North Sea and Brazil operations have a significant amount of their cash operating expenses payable in local currencies. To limit the potential risk of currency fluctuations, we periodically enter into forward contracts, all of which have a maturity of less than 12 months. The forward contracts maturing during the remainder of 2013 represent approximately 59 percent of these forecasted local currency requirements. The notional amount of the forward contracts outstanding, expressed in U.S. Dollars, was approximately \$42 million at September 30, 2013. Total unrealized gain related to these forward contracts was approximately \$0.6 million as of September 30, 2013 and was recorded as part of Accumulated other comprehensive loss (AOCL).

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

The balance of the net unrealized gain related to our cash flow hedges included in AOCL and related activity is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Net unrealized loss at beginning of period | \$ (4,731) | \$ | \$ | \$ (3,061) |
| Activity during period: | | | | |
| Settlement of foreign currency forward contracts during the period | 2,849 | | | 3,061 |
| Net unrealized gain on outstanding foreign currency forward contracts | 2,471 | | 589 | |
| Net unrealized gain at end of period | \$ 589 | \$ | \$ 589 | \$ |

Financial Statement Presentation

The following tables, together with Note 13, summarize the financial statement presentation and fair value of our derivative positions as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

| | Balance sheet classification | Estimated fair value | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
| Asset derivatives | | | |
| Cash flow hedges | | | |
| Short-term foreign currency forward contracts | Other current assets | \$ 1,927 | \$ |
| Liability derivatives | | | |
| Cash flow hedges | | | |
| Short-term foreign currency forward contracts | Other current liabilities | \$ 1,338 | \$ |

To supplement the fair value disclosures in Note 13, the following summarizes the recognized gains and losses of cash flow hedges through AOCL or through other income for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012:

| | Gain/(loss) recognized through AOCL | | Gain/(loss) reclassified from AOCL to other income | | Gain/(loss) recognized through other income | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|--|------|---|------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | Cash flow hedges | | | | | |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | \$ 2,471 | \$ | \$ 2,849 | \$ | \$ | \$ |

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

To supplement the fair value disclosures in Note 13, the following summarizes the recognized gains and losses of cash flow hedges through AOCL or through other income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012:

| | Gain/(loss) recognized through AOCL | | Gain/(loss) reclassified from AOCL to other income | | Gain/(loss) recognized through other income | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|--|----------|---|------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | Cash flow hedges | | | | | |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | \$ (2,525) | \$ | \$ 3,114 | \$ 3,061 | \$ | \$ |

Note 13 Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following table presents the carrying amount and estimated fair value of our financial instruments recognized at fair value on a recurring basis:

| | Carrying Amount | September 30, 2013 Estimated Fair Value Measurements | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|---|
| | | Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Assets | | | | |
| Marketable securities | \$ 7,072 | \$ 7,072 | \$ | \$ |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | 1,927 | | 1,927 | |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Foreign currency forward contracts | \$ 1,338 | \$ | \$ 1,338 | \$ |

| | Carrying | December 31, 2012 Estimated Fair Value Measurements | | |
|--|----------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | Quoted Prices in Active Markets | Significant Other Observable Inputs | Significant Unobservable Inputs |
| | | | | |

| | Amount | (Level 1) | (Level 2) | (Level 3) |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Assets | | | | |
| Marketable securities | \$ 5,816 | \$ 5,816 | \$ | \$ |

The foreign currency instruments have been valued using actively quoted prices and quotes obtained from the counterparties to the derivative instruments. Our cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable are by their nature short-term. As a result, the carrying values included in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets approximate fair value.

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Note 14 Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following tables set forth the changes in AOCL by component for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013. All amounts within the tables are shown net of tax.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2013 | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| | Gain / (Loss) on Cash Flow Hedges⁽¹⁾ | Defined Benefit Pension Items⁽²⁾ | Foreign Currency Items | Total |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ (4,731) | \$ (91,797) | \$ (19,901) | \$ (116,429) |
| Activity during period: | | | | |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) before reclassifications | 2,471 | | (1,135) | 1,336 |
| Amounts reclassified from AOCL | 2,849 | 1,661 | | 4,510 |
| Net current period other comprehensive income/(loss) | 5,320 | 1,661 | (1,135) | 5,846 |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 589 | \$ (90,136) | \$ (21,036) | \$ (110,583) |

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2013 | | | |
|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| | Gain on Cash Flow Hedges⁽¹⁾ | Defined Benefit Pension Items⁽²⁾ | Foreign Currency Items | Total |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ | \$ (95,071) | \$ (20,378) | \$ (115,449) |
| Activity during period: | | | | |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) before reclassifications | 589 | | (658) | (69) |

| | | | | |
|--|--------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Amounts reclassified from AOCL | | 4,935 | | 4,935 |
| Net current period other comprehensive income/(loss) | 589 | 4,935 | (658) | 4,866 |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 589 | \$ (90,136) | \$ (21,036) | \$ (110,583) |

- (1) Gain / (loss) on cash flow hedges are related to our foreign currency forward contracts. Reclassifications from AOCL are recognized through other income on our Consolidated Statement of Income. See Note 12 for additional information.
- (2) Defined benefit pension items relate to actuarial losses and the amortization of prior service costs. Reclassifications from AOCL are recognized as expense on our Consolidated Statement of Income through either contract drilling services or general and administrative. See Note 11 for additional information

Note 15 Commitments and Contingencies

The *Noble Homer Ferrington* was under contract with a subsidiary of ExxonMobil Corporation (ExxonMobil), which entered into an assignment agreement with BP for a two-well farmout of the rig in Libya after successfully drilling two wells with the rig for ExxonMobil. In August 2010, BP attempted to terminate the assignment agreement claiming that the rig was not in the required condition, and ExxonMobil informed us that we must look to BP for payment of the dayrate during the assignment period. In August 2010, we initiated arbitration proceedings under the drilling contract against both BP and ExxonMobil. We do not believe BP had the right to terminate the assignment agreement and believe the rig was ready to operate under the drilling contract. The rig operated under farmout arrangements from March 2011 to the conclusion of the contract in the second quarter of 2012. We believe we are owed dayrate by either or both of these clients. The operating dayrate was approximately \$538,000 per day for the work in Libya. The arbitration process is proceeding, and we intend to vigorously pursue these claims. As a result of the uncertainties noted above, we have not recognized any revenue during the assignment period.

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

In August 2007, we entered into a drilling contract with Marathon Oil Company (Marathon) for the *Noble Jim Day* to operate in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. On January 1, 2011, Marathon provided notice that it was terminating the contract. Marathon's stated reason for the termination was that the rig had not been accepted by Marathon by December 31, 2010, and Marathon also maintained that a force majeure condition existed under the contract. The contract contained a provision allowing Marathon to terminate if the rig had not commenced operations by December 31, 2010. We believe the rig was ready to commence operations and should have been accepted by Marathon. The contract term was for four years. No revenue has been recognized under this contract. We have contracted the rig for much of the original term with other customers. In March 2011, we filed suit in Texas State District Court against Marathon seeking damages for its actions. We are in advanced settlement discussions with Marathon and have postponed the trial date. We cannot predict the outcome of this lawsuit, including any settlement discussions.

In November 2012, the U.S. Coast Guard in Alaska conducted an inspection of our drillship, the *Noble Discoverer*, and cited a number of deficiencies to be remediated, including issues relating to the main propulsion and safety management systems. We initiated a comprehensive effort to address the deficiencies identified by the Coast Guard and commenced an ongoing dialogue with the agency to keep it apprised of our progress. We began an internal investigation in conjunction with the Coast Guard inspection, and the Coast Guard then began its own investigation. We reported certain potential violations of applicable law to the Coast Guard identified as a result of our internal investigation. These related to what we believe were certain unauthorized disposals of collected deck and sea water from the *Noble Discoverer*, collected, treated deck water from the *Kulluk* and potential record-keeping issues with the oil record books for the *Noble Discoverer*, *Kulluk* and other rigs, and with the garbage log for the *Kulluk*. The Coast Guard referred the *Noble Discoverer* and *Kulluk* matters to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for further investigation. We are cooperating with the DOJ and Coast Guard in connection with their investigation, and are maintaining a dialogue with the DOJ. We cannot predict when the DOJ and Coast Guard will conclude the investigation and cannot provide any assurances with respect to the outcome. If the DOJ or Coast Guard determines that violations of applicable law have occurred, they could seek civil and criminal sanctions, including monetary penalties and operational sanctions, against us and/or certain of our employees, as well as oversight of our operational compliance programs. Based on information obtained to date, we believe it is probable that we will have to pay some amount in fines and penalties to resolve this matter. However, at this time we cannot appropriately estimate the potential liability that may result and we have not made any accrual in our consolidated financial statements at September 30, 2013 related to the matter.

We are from time to time a party to various lawsuits that are incidental to our operations in which the claimants seek an unspecified amount of monetary damages for personal injury, including injuries purportedly resulting from exposure to asbestos on drilling rigs and associated facilities. At September 30, 2013, there were 33 asbestos related lawsuits in which we are one of many defendants. These lawsuits have been filed in the United States in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. We intend to vigorously defend against the litigation. We do not believe the ultimate resolution of these matters will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations

or cash flows.

We are a defendant in certain claims and litigation arising out of operations in the ordinary course of business, including certain disputes with customers over receivables discussed in Note 4, the resolution of which, in the opinion of management, will not be material to our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. There is inherent risk in any litigation or dispute and no assurance can be given as to the outcome of these claims.

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

We operate in a number of countries throughout the world and our tax returns filed in those jurisdictions are subject to review and examination by tax authorities within those jurisdictions. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has completed its examination of our tax reporting for the taxable year ended December 31, 2008. In June 2013, the IRS examination team notified us that they were no longer proposing any adjustments with respect to our tax reporting for the taxable year ended December 31, 2008. We are due a refund for the 2008 tax year, and our refund claim is currently under review. The IRS began its examination of our tax reporting for the taxable year ended December 31, 2009. We believe that we have accurately reported all amounts in our 2009 tax returns. Furthermore, we are currently contesting several non-U.S. tax assessments and may contest future assessments. We believe the ultimate resolution of the outstanding assessments, for which we have not made any accrual, will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial statements. We recognize uncertain tax positions that we believe have a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being sustained. We cannot predict or provide assurance as to the ultimate outcome of any existing or future assessments.

During the second quarter of 2013, we reached an agreement with the Mexican tax authorities resolving certain previously disclosed tax assessments. This settlement removes potential contingent tax exposure of \$502 million in Mexico for periods prior to 2007, which includes the assessments for years 2002 through 2005 of approximately \$348 million, as well as settlement for 2006. The settlement of these assessments did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Audit claims of approximately \$300 million attributable to income, customs and other business taxes have been assessed against us. We have contested, or intend to contest, these assessments, including through litigation if necessary, and we believe the ultimate resolution, for which we have not made any accrual, will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial statements. Tax authorities may issue additional assessments or pursue legal actions as a result of tax audits and we cannot predict or provide assurance as to the ultimate outcome of such assessments and legal actions.

We maintain certain insurance coverage against specified marine perils, which includes physical damage and loss of hire. Damage caused by hurricanes has negatively impacted the energy insurance market, resulting in more restrictive and expensive coverage for U.S. named windstorm perils. Accordingly, we have elected to significantly reduce the named windstorm insurance on our rigs operating in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. Presently, we insure the *Noble Jim Thompson*, *Noble Amos Runner* and *Noble Driller* for total loss only when caused by a named windstorm. For the *Noble Bully I*, our customer assumes the risk of loss due to a named windstorm event, pursuant to the terms of the drilling contract, through the purchase of insurance coverage (provided that we are responsible for any deductible under such policy) or, at its option, the assumption of the risk of loss up to the insured value in lieu of the purchase of such insurance. The remaining rigs in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico are self-insured for named windstorm perils. Our remaining rigs, including those in the Mexico portion of the Gulf of Mexico, continue to be covered by commercial insurance for windstorm damage. In addition, we maintain physical damage deductibles on our rigs ranging from \$15 million to \$25 million per occurrence, depending on location. The loss of hire coverage applies only to our rigs

operating under contract with a dayrate equal to or greater than \$200,000 a day and is subject to a 45-day waiting period for each unit and each occurrence.

Although we maintain insurance in the geographic areas in which we operate, pollution, reservoir damage and environmental risks generally are not fully insurable. Our insurance policies and contractual rights to indemnity may not adequately cover our losses or may have exclusions of coverage for some losses. We do not have insurance coverage or rights to indemnity for all risks, including loss of hire insurance on most of the rigs in our fleet. Uninsured exposures may include expatriate activities prohibited by U.S. laws and regulations, radiation hazards, certain loss or damage to property on board our rigs and losses relating to shore-based terrorist acts or strikes. If a significant accident or other event occurs and is not fully covered by insurance or contractual indemnity, it could materially adversely affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Additionally, there can be no assurance that those parties with contractual obligations to indemnify us will necessarily be financially able to indemnify us against all these risks.

We carry protection and indemnity insurance covering marine third party liability exposures, which also includes coverage for employer's liability resulting from personal injury to our offshore drilling crews. Our protection and indemnity policy currently has a standard deductible of \$10 million per occurrence, with maximum liability coverage of \$750 million.

In connection with our capital expenditure program, we had outstanding commitments, including shipyard and purchase commitments of approximately \$2.6 billion at September 30, 2013.

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

We have entered into agreements with certain of our executive officers, as well as certain other employees. These agreements become effective upon a change of control of Noble-Swiss (within the meaning set forth in the agreements) or a termination of employment in connection with or in anticipation of a change of control, and remain effective for three years thereafter. These agreements provide for compensation and certain other benefits under such circumstances.

Nigerian Operations

During the fourth quarter of 2007, our Nigerian subsidiary received letters from the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) seeking to collect a 2 percent surcharge on contract amounts under contracts performed by vessels, within the meaning of Nigeria s cabotage laws, engaged in the Nigerian coastal shipping trade. Although we do not believe that these laws apply to our ownership of drilling units, NIMASA is seeking to apply a provision of the Nigerian cabotage laws (which became effective on May 1, 2004) to our offshore drilling units by considering these units to be vessels within the meaning of those laws and therefore subject to the surcharge, which is imposed only upon vessels. Our offshore drilling units are not engaged in the Nigerian coastal shipping trade and are not in our view vessels within the meaning of Nigeria s cabotage laws. In January 2008, we filed an originating summons against NIMASA and the Minister of Transportation in the Federal High Court of Lagos, Nigeria seeking, among other things, a declaration that our drilling operations do not constitute coastal trade or cabotage within the meaning of Nigeria s cabotage laws and that our offshore drilling units are not vessels within the meaning of those laws. In February 2009, NIMASA filed suit against us in the Federal High Court of Nigeria seeking collection of the cabotage surcharge. In August 2009, the court issued a favorable ruling in response to our originating summons stating that drilling operations do not fall within the cabotage laws and that drilling rigs are not vessels for purposes of those laws. The court also issued an injunction against the defendants prohibiting their interference with our drilling rigs or drilling operations. NIMASA has appealed the court s ruling, although the court dismissed NIMASA s lawsuit filed against us in February 2009. We intend to take all further appropriate legal action to resist the application of Nigeria s cabotage laws to our drilling units. The outcome of any such legal action and the extent to which we may ultimately be responsible for the surcharge is uncertain. If it is ultimately determined that offshore drilling units constitute vessels within the meaning of the Nigerian cabotage laws, we may be required to pay the surcharge and comply with other aspects of the Nigerian cabotage laws, which could adversely affect our operations in Nigerian waters and require us to incur additional costs of compliance.

NIMASA had previously informed the Nigerian Content Division of its position that we were not in compliance with the cabotage laws. The Nigerian Content Division makes determinations of companies compliance with applicable local content regulations for purposes of government contracting, including contracting for services in connection with oil and gas concessions where the Nigerian national oil company is a partner. The Nigerian Content Division had previously barred us from participating in new tenders as a result of NIMASA s allegations, although the Division reversed its actions based on the favorable Federal High Court ruling. However, no assurance can be given with respect to our ability to bid for future work in Nigeria until our dispute with NIMASA is resolved.

Under the Nigerian Industrial Training Fund Act of 2004, as amended (the Act), Nigerian companies with five or more employees must contribute annually 1 percent of their payroll to the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) established under the Act to be used for the training of Nigerian nationals with a view towards generating a pool of indigenously trained manpower. We have not paid this amount on our expatriate workers employed by our non-Nigerian employment entity in the past as we did not believe the contribution obligation was applicable to them. In October 2012, we received a demand from the ITF for payments going back to 2004 and associated penalties in respect of these expatriate employees. In February 2013, the ITF filed suit seeking payment of these amounts. We do not believe that we owe the amount claimed. We are in discussions with the ITF to resolve the issue and do not believe the resolution of this matter will have a material adverse effect on our financial position or cash flows.

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Note 16 Segment and Related Information

We report our contract drilling operations as a single reportable segment, Contract Drilling Services, which reflects how we manage our business, and the fact that all of our drilling fleet is dependent upon the worldwide oil industry. The mobile offshore drilling units comprising our offshore rig fleet operate in a single, global market for contract drilling services and are often redeployed globally due to changing demands of our customers, which consist largely of major non-U.S. and government owned/controlled oil and gas companies throughout the world. Our contract drilling services segment conducts contract drilling operations in the United States, Mexico, Brazil, the North Sea, the Mediterranean, West Africa, the Middle East, India, Asia and Australia.

We evaluate the performance of our operating segment based on revenues from external customers and segment profit. Summarized financial information of our reportable segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 is shown in the following table. The Other column includes results of labor contract drilling services in Canada and Alaska, as well as corporate related items. The consolidated financial statements of Noble-Swiss include the accounts of Noble-Cayman, and Noble-Swiss conducts substantially all of its business through Noble-Cayman and its subsidiaries. As a result, the summarized financial information for Noble-Cayman is substantially the same as Noble-Swiss.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | | |
|---|---|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | | | 2012 | | |
| | Contract Drilling Services | Other | Total | Contract Drilling Services | Other | Total |
| Revenues from external customers | \$ 1,069,986 | \$ 8,895 | \$ 1,078,881 | \$ 860,315 | \$ 23,717 | \$ 884,032 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 219,695 | 4,016 | 223,711 | 191,638 | 3,449 | 195,087 |
| Segment operating income/(loss) | 382,475 | (4,094) | 378,381 | 173,285 | 5,639 | 178,924 |
| Interest expense, net of amount capitalized | (317) | (22,832) | (23,149) | (121) | (25,514) | (25,635) |
| Income tax (provision)/benefit | (59,854) | 4,024 | (55,830) | (28,307) | 3,145 | (25,162) |
| Segment profit/(loss) | 303,617 | (21,660) | 281,957 | 130,983 | (16,209) | 114,774 |
| Total assets (at end of period) | 15,058,076 | 671,255 | 15,729,331 | 13,983,223 | 477,183 | 14,460,406 |

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| | 2013 | | | 2012 | | |
| | Contract Drilling Services | Other | Total | Contract Drilling Services | Other | Total |
| Revenues from external customers | \$ 3,022,966 | \$ 44,275 | \$ 3,067,241 | \$ 2,519,930 | \$ 60,715 | \$ 2,580,645 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 631,396 | 11,060 | 642,456 | 539,698 | 10,081 | 549,779 |
| Segment operating income | 861,219 | 813 | 862,032 | 559,713 | 7,349 | 567,062 |
| Interest expense, net of amount capitalized | (539) | (74,576) | (75,115) | (315) | (56,468) | (56,783) |
| Income tax (provision)/benefit | (138,695) | 11,689 | (127,006) | (102,005) | 8,898 | (93,107) |
| Segment profit/(loss) | 669,107 | (60,470) | 608,637 | 434,561 | (39,794) | 394,767 |
| Total assets (at end of period) | 15,058,076 | 671,255 | 15,729,331 | 13,983,223 | 477,183 | 14,460,406 |

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Note 17 Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2013, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2013-02, which amends FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 220, Comprehensive Income. This amended guidance requires additional information about reclassification adjustments out of comprehensive income, including changes in comprehensive income balances by component and significant items reclassified out of comprehensive income. This guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2012. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In March 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-05, which amends ASC Topic 830, Foreign Currency Matters. This ASU provides guidance on foreign currency translation adjustments when a parent entity ceases to have a controlling interest on a previously consolidated subsidiary or group of assets. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2013. We are still evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-11, which amends ASC Topic 740, Taxes. This ASU provides guidance on the presentation of tax benefits when a net operating loss carryforward or other tax credit carryforward exists. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2013. We are still evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

Note 18 Net Change in Other Assets and Liabilities

The net effect of changes in other assets and liabilities on cash flows from operating activities is as follows:

| | Noble-Swiss | | Noble-Cayman | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| | Nine months ended | | Nine months ended | |
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Accounts receivable | \$ (92,073) | \$ (163,051) | \$ (92,073) | \$ (163,051) |
| Other current assets | (50,738) | (58,303) | (49,791) | (59,764) |
| Other assets | (8,129) | (25,543) | (8,133) | (25,546) |
| Accounts payable | 9,357 | 29,470 | 7,830 | 29,353 |
| Other current liabilities | 4,042 | 76,035 | 4,702 | 79,436 |
| Other liabilities | 35,231 | 70,382 | 35,227 | 64,215 |

\$ (102,310) \$ (71,010) \$ (102,238) \$ (75,357)

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Note 19 Guarantees of Registered Securities***Guarantees of Registered Securities***

Noble-Cayman, or one or more subsidiaries of Noble-Cayman, are a co-issuer or guarantor or otherwise obligated as of September 30, 2013 as follows:

| Notes | Issuer (Co-Issuer(s)) | Guarantor(s) |
|--|---|--|
| \$250 million 7.375% Senior Notes due 2014 | NHIL | Noble-Cayman |
| \$350 million 3.45% Senior Notes due 2015 | NHIL | Noble-Cayman |
| \$300 million 3.05% Senior Notes due 2016 | NHIL | Noble-Cayman |
| \$300 million 2.50% Senior Notes due 2017 | NHIL | Noble-Cayman |
| \$202 million 7.50% Senior Notes due 2019 | NDC; Noble Drilling Services 6 LLC (NDS6) | Noble-Cayman; Noble Holding (U.S.) Corporation (NHC); Noble Drilling Holding LLC (NDH) |
| \$500 million 4.90% Senior Notes due 2020 | NHIL | Noble-Cayman |
| \$400 million 4.625% Senior Notes due 2021 | NHIL | Noble-Cayman |
| \$400 million 3.95% Senior Notes due 2022 | NHIL | Noble-Cayman |
| \$400 million 6.20% Senior Notes due 2040 | NHIL | Noble-Cayman |
| \$400 million 6.05% Senior Notes due 2041 | NHIL | Noble-Cayman |
| \$500 million 5.25% Senior Notes due 2042 | NHIL | Noble-Cayman |

The following consolidating financial statements of Noble-Cayman, NHC and NDH combined, NDC, NHIL, NDS6 and all other subsidiaries present investments in both consolidated and unconsolidated affiliates using the equity method of accounting.

Revision

As part of our worldwide asset consolidation completed in 2009, NDC received a limited partnership interest in one of our Other Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble. This limited partnership interest has historically been included as a component of Total Shareholder Equity and income attributable to this limited partnership interest has been included in Net Income Attributable to Noble Corporation in the Other Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble column in the condensed consolidating financial statements.

During the first quarter of 2013, we amended the presentation of this limited partnership interest in the Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble column to correctly present it as a noncontrolling interest and to record the income attributable to NDC as Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests. We also made appropriate adjustments to the Consolidating Adjustments column. We concluded these errors were not material individually or in the aggregate to any of the previously issued financial statements taken as a whole. The following chart presents the impact of this change in presentation in the Other Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble and Consolidating Adjustments columns on the historical Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet and Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income. The revisions below did not impact our Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows.

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

| | Other Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble | | Consolidating Adjustments | |
|---|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | As reported | As adjusted | As reported | As adjusted |
| December 31, 2010 | | | | |
| Income statement- Twelve months ended | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 1,023,782 | \$ 1,023,782 | \$ (2,963,512) | \$ (2,963,512) |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (3) | (41,889) | | 41,886 |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 1,023,779 | \$ 981,893 | \$ (2,963,512) | \$ (2,921,626) |
| December 31, 2011 | | | | |
| Income statement- Twelve months ended | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 634,128 | \$ 634,128 | \$ (1,758,285) | \$ (1,758,285) |
| Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests | 7,273 | (15,808) | | 23,081 |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 641,401 | \$ 618,320 | \$ (1,758,285) | \$ (1,735,204) |
| Balance Sheet | | | | |
| Total shareholder equity | \$ 9,853,129 | \$ 9,483,809 | \$ (28,268,572) | \$ (27,899,252) |
| Noncontrolling interests | 691,331 | 1,060,651 | | (369,320) |
| Total equity | \$ 10,544,460 | \$ 10,544,460 | \$ (28,268,572) | \$ (28,268,572) |
| March 31, 2012 | | | | |
| Income statement- Three months ended | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 173,657 | \$ 173,657 | \$ (591,588) | \$ (591,588) |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | 6,832 | (1,196) | | 8,028 |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 180,489 | \$ 172,461 | \$ (591,588) | \$ (583,560) |
| June 30, 2012 | | | | |
| Income statement- Three months ended | | | | |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

| | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net income | \$ 253,086 | \$ 253,086 | \$ (662,439) | \$ (662,439) |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (18,857) | (29,201) | | 10,344 |

| | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 234,229 | \$ 223,885 | \$ (662,439) | \$ (652,095) |
|--|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|

Income statement- Six months ended

| | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Net income | \$ 426,743 | \$ 426,743 | \$ (1,254,027) | \$ (1,254,027) |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (12,025) | (30,397) | | 18,372 |

| | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 414,718 | \$ 396,346 | \$ (1,254,027) | \$ (1,235,655) |
|--|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|

September 30, 2012

Income statement- Three months ended

| | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net income | \$ 211,597 | \$ 211,597 | \$ (569,368) | \$ (569,368) |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (14,906) | (22,246) | | 7,340 |

| | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 196,691 | \$ 189,351 | \$ (569,368) | \$ (562,028) |
|--|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|

Income statement- Nine months ended

| | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Net income | \$ 638,340 | \$ 638,340 | \$ (1,823,395) | \$ (1,823,395) |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (26,931) | (52,643) | | 25,712 |

| | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 611,409 | \$ 585,697 | \$ (1,823,395) | \$ (1,797,683) |
|--|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-SWISS) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

| | Other Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble | | Consolidating Adjustments | |
|---|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | As reported | As adjusted | As reported | As adjusted |
| December 31, 2012 | | | | |
| Income statement- Twelve months ended | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 280,763 | \$ 280,763 | \$ (1,891,202) | \$ (1,891,202) |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (33,793) | (68,969) | | 35,176 |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 246,970 | \$ 211,794 | \$ (1,891,202) | \$ (1,856,026) |
| Balance Sheet | | | | |
| Total shareholder equity | \$ 9,913,839 | \$ 9,509,343 | \$ (29,719,135) | \$ (29,314,639) |
| Noncontrolling interests | 765,124 | 1,169,620 | | (404,496) |
| Total equity | \$ 10,678,963 | \$ 10,678,963 | \$ (29,719,135) | \$ (29,719,135) |

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET****September 30, 2013****(in thousands)**

| | Noble- Cayman | NHC and NDH Combined | NDC | NHIL | NDS6 | Subsidiaries of Noble | Consolidating Adjustments | Total |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 5 | \$ 123 | \$ | \$ 8 | \$ | \$ 173,581 | \$ | \$ 173,717 |
| Accounts receivable | | 59,250 | 3,388 | | | 803,108 | | 865,746 |
| Taxes receivable | | 41,407 | | | | 101,831 | | 143,238 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 749 | 8 | | | 48,572 | | 49,329 |
| Short-term notes receivable from affiliates | | 869,476 | | | 606,269 | 319,201 | (1,794,946) | |
| Accounts receivable from affiliates | 978,461 | 157,252 | 1,154,776 | 172,379 | 65,991 | 6,311,688 | (8,840,547) | |
| Other current assets | | 4,418 | 196 | | | 129,390 | | 134,004 |
| Total current assets | 978,466 | 1,132,675 | 1,158,368 | 172,387 | 672,260 | 7,887,371 | (10,635,493) | 1,366,034 |
| Property and equipment, at cost | | | | | | | | |
| Accumulated depreciation | | 2,518,896 | 77,253 | | | 15,973,482 | | 18,569,631 |
| Property and equipment, net | | (328,045) | (61,592) | | | (4,136,365) | | (4,526,002) |
| Notes receivable from affiliates | | 2,190,851 | 15,661 | | | 11,837,117 | | 14,043,629 |
| Notes receivable from affiliates | 3,816,463 | 675,000 | | 3,524,814 | 5,000 | 1,827,879 | (9,849,156) | |
| | 8,507,009 | 12,100,603 | 3,310,205 | 8,521,927 | 2,332,612 | | (34,772,356) | |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Investments in affiliates | | | | | | | | |
| Other assets | 6,144 | 5,266 | 266 | 23,395 | 668 | 246,217 | | 281,956 |
| Total assets | \$ 13,308,082 | \$ 16,104,395 | \$ 4,484,500 | \$ 12,242,523 | \$ 3,010,540 | \$ 21,798,584 | \$ (55,257,005) | \$ 15,691,619 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Short-term notes payables from affiliates | \$ 78,016 | \$ 127,036 | \$ 114,149 | \$ | \$ 750,000 | \$ 725,745 | \$ (1,794,946) | \$ |
| Accounts payable | | 4,338 | 537 | | | 311,058 | | 315,933 |
| Accrued payroll and related costs | | 8,085 | 8,865 | | | 112,220 | | 129,170 |
| Accounts payable to affiliates | 1,061,152 | 4,998,213 | 3,908 | 236,008 | 77,296 | 2,463,970 | (8,840,547) | |
| Taxes payable | | 13,434 | 9 | | | 116,628 | | 130,071 |
| Other current liabilities | 496 | 5,270 | 240 | 17,128 | 630 | 178,658 | | 202,422 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,139,664 | 5,156,376 | 127,708 | 253,136 | 827,926 | 3,908,279 | (10,635,493) | 777,596 |
| Long-term debt | 1,312,864 | | | 3,793,279 | 201,695 | | | 5,307,838 |
| Notes payable to affiliates | 2,557,787 | 586,979 | | 975,000 | 811,000 | 4,918,390 | (9,849,156) | |
| Deferred income taxes | | | 15,731 | | | 171,917 | | 187,648 |
| Other liabilities | 19,930 | 23,106 | | | | 349,407 | | 392,443 |
| Total liabilities | 5,030,245 | 5,766,461 | 143,439 | 5,021,415 | 1,840,621 | 9,347,993 | (20,484,649) | 6,665,525 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | | | | | | | |
| Total shareholder equity | 8,277,837 | 10,337,934 | 4,341,061 | 7,221,108 | 1,169,919 | 11,261,974 | (34,331,996) | 8,277,837 |
| Noncontrolling interest | | | | | | 1,188,617 | (440,360) | 748,257 |
| Total equity | 8,277,837 | 10,337,934 | 4,341,061 | 7,221,108 | 1,169,919 | 12,450,591 | (34,772,356) | 9,026,094 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$ 13,308,082 | \$ 16,104,395 | \$ 4,484,500 | \$ 12,242,523 | \$ 3,010,540 | \$ 21,798,584 | \$ (55,257,005) | \$ 15,691,619 |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET****December 31, 2012****(in thousands)**

| | Noble- Cayman | NHC and NDH Combined | NDC | NHIL | NDS6 | Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble | Consolidating Adjustments | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,003 | \$ 904 | \$ | \$ 2 | \$ | \$ 275,466 | \$ | \$ 277,375 |
| Accounts receivable | | 14,885 | 3,335 | | | 725,453 | | 743,673 |
| Taxes receivable | | 8,341 | | | | 103,969 | | 112,310 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 396 | 9 | | | 40,827 | | 41,232 |
| Short-term notes receivable | | | | | | | | |
| from affiliates | | 119,476 | | | 586,769 | 252,138 | (958,383) | |
| Accounts receivable from affiliates | 664,375 | 140,014 | 1,015,204 | 526,483 | 38,895 | 5,855,066 | (8,240,037) | |
| Other current assets | 235 | 639 | 196 | | | 121,579 | | 122,649 |
| Total current assets | 665,613 | 284,655 | 1,018,744 | 526,485 | 625,664 | 7,374,498 | (9,198,420) | 1,297,239 |
| Property and equipment, at cost | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2,735,223 | 76,428 | | | 14,123,496 | | 16,935,147 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | (283,028) | (58,411) | | | (3,597,079) | | (3,938,518) |
| Property and equipment, net | | 2,452,195 | 18,017 | | | 10,526,417 | | 12,996,629 |
| Notes receivable | 3,816,463 | 1,206,000 | | 3,524,814 | 479,107 | 2,171,875 | (11,198,259) | |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| From affiliates | | | | | | | | |
| Investments in | | | | | | | | |
| affiliates | 7,770,066 | 9,170,923 | 3,386,879 | 7,413,361 | 1,977,906 | | (29,719,135) | |
| Other assets | 5,798 | 320 | 543 | 25,895 | 759 | 243,243 | | 276,558 |
| Total assets | \$ 12,257,940 | \$ 13,114,093 | \$ 4,424,183 | \$ 11,490,555 | \$ 3,083,436 | \$ 20,316,033 | \$ (50,115,814) | \$ 14,570,426 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Short-term | | | | | | | | |
| Notes payables | | | | | | | | |
| from affiliates | \$ 90,314 | \$ 51,054 | \$ 110,770 | \$ | \$ | \$ 706,245 | \$ (958,383) | \$ |
| Accounts payable | | 6,522 | 1,183 | | | 341,889 | | 349,594 |
| Accrued payroll and related costs | | 6,176 | 7,611 | | | 110,149 | | 123,936 |
| Accounts payable to affiliates | 900,063 | 4,806,235 | 5,444 | 165,065 | 77,075 | 2,286,155 | (8,240,037) | |
| Taxes payable | | 9,152 | | | | 121,692 | | 130,844 |
| Other current liabilities | 1,594 | | 240 | 62,430 | 4,412 | 158,259 | | 226,935 |
| Total current liabilities | 991,971 | 4,879,139 | 125,248 | 227,495 | 81,487 | 3,724,389 | (9,198,420) | 831,309 |
| Long-term | | | | | | | | |
| Debt | 639,794 | | | 3,792,886 | 201,695 | | | 4,634,375 |
| Notes payable to affiliates | 2,840,287 | 648,475 | | 975,000 | 1,342,000 | 5,392,497 | (11,198,259) | |
| Deferred income taxes | | | 15,731 | | | 210,314 | | 226,045 |
| Other liabilities | 19,930 | 17,815 | | | | 309,870 | | 347,615 |
| Total liabilities | 4,491,982 | 5,545,429 | 140,979 | 4,995,381 | 1,625,182 | 9,637,070 | (20,396,679) | 6,039,344 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | | | | | | | |
| Total shareholder equity | | | | | | | | |
| | 7,765,958 | 7,568,664 | 4,283,204 | 6,495,174 | 1,458,254 | 9,509,343 | (29,314,639) | 7,765,958 |
| Noncontrolling interest | | | | | | 1,169,620 | (404,496) | 765,124 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Total equity | 7,765,958 | 7,568,664 | 4,283,204 | 6,495,174 | 1,458,254 | 10,678,963 | (29,719,135) | 8,531,082 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 12,257,940 | \$ 13,114,093 | \$ 4,424,183 | \$ 11,490,555 | \$ 3,083,436 | \$ 20,316,033 | \$ (50,115,814) | \$ 14,570,426 |

Table of Contents**NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF INCOME****Three Months Ended September 30, 2013****(in thousands)**

| | Noble- NHC and NDH | | | | | Other | Consolidating | Total |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | Cayman | Combined | NDC | NHIL | NDS6 | Non-guarantor | Adjustments | |
| | | | | | | of Noble | | |
| Operating revenues | | | | | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | \$ | \$ 67,831 | \$ 5,126 | \$ | \$ | \$ 991,221 | \$ (23,060) | \$ 1,041,118 |
| Reimbursables | | 1,796 | | | | 27,446 | | 29,242 |
| Labor contract drilling services | | | | | | 8,493 | | 8,493 |
| Other | | | | | | 28 | | 28 |
| Total operating revenues | | 69,627 | 5,126 | | | 1,027,188 | (23,060) | 1,078,881 |
| Operating costs and expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | 1,665 | 24,776 | 2,231 | 29,339 | | 451,162 | (23,060) | 486,113 |
| Reimbursables | | 1,509 | | | | 22,162 | | 23,671 |
| Labor contract drilling services | | | | | | 8,153 | | 8,153 |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 15,937 | 1,174 | | | 206,065 | | 223,176 |
| General and administrative | 252 | 831 | | 2,672 | | 3,496 | | 7,251 |
| Loss on impairment | | | | | | 3,585 | | 3,585 |
| Gain on disposal of assets, net | | | | | | (35,646) | | (35,646) |
| Gain on contract settlements/extinguishments, net | (45,000) | | | | | | | (45,000) |
| Total operating costs and expenses | (43,083) | 43,053 | 3,405 | 32,011 | | 658,977 | (23,060) | 671,303 |
| Operating income (loss) | 43,083 | 26,574 | 1,721 | (32,011) | | 368,211 | | 407,578 |
| Other income (expense) | | | | | | | | |
| Equity earnings in affiliates, net of tax | 301,048 | 189,686 | 40,619 | 330,102 | (1,381,410) | | 519,955 | |
| Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized | (34,941) | (5,604) | (503) | (32,646) | (14,998) | (1,548,475) | 1,614,018 | (23,149) |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Interest income and other, net | 1,664 | 20,354 | (7) | 44,809 | 1,524,744 | 22,869 | (1,614,018) | 415 |
| Income before income taxes | 310,854 | 231,010 | 41,830 | 310,254 | 128,336 | (1,157,395) | 519,955 | 384,844 |
| Income tax provision | | (51,021) | | | | (4,467) | | (55,488) |
| Net Income | 310,854 | 179,989 | 41,830 | 310,254 | 128,336 | (1,161,862) | 519,955 | 329,356 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | | | | | | (34,004) | 15,502 | (18,502) |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | 310,854 | 179,989 | 41,830 | 310,254 | 128,336 | (1,195,866) | 535,457 | 310,854 |
| Other comprehensive income, net | 5,846 | | | | | 5,846 | (5,846) | 5,846 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 316,700 | \$ 179,989 | \$ 41,830 | \$ 310,254 | \$ 128,336 | \$ (1,190,020) | \$ 529,611 | \$ 316,700 |

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF INCOME

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013

(in thousands)

| | Noble-Cayman | NHC and NDH Combined | NDC | NHIL | NDS6 | Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble | Consolidating Adjustments | Total |
|---|--------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| Operating revenues | | | | | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | \$ | \$ 201,101 | \$ 15,135 | \$ | \$ | \$ 2,795,505 | \$ (66,431) | \$ 2,945,310 |
| Reimbursables | | 5,117 | | | | 73,559 | | 78,676 |
| Labor contract drilling services | | | | | | 43,150 | | 43,150 |
| Other | | | | | | 105 | | 105 |
| Total operating revenues | | 206,218 | 15,135 | | | 2,912,319 | (66,431) | 3,067,241 |
| Operating costs and expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | 3,600 | 61,079 | 5,842 | 79,188 | | 1,364,841 | (66,431) | 1,448,119 |
| Reimbursables | | 4,332 | | | | 56,962 | | 61,294 |
| Labor contract drilling services | | | | | | 29,804 | | 29,804 |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 46,120 | 3,377 | | | 591,662 | | 641,159 |
| General and administrative | 1,544 | 4,845 | 1 | 20,788 | 1 | 10,503 | | 37,682 |
| Loss on impairment | | | | | | 3,585 | | 3,585 |
| Gain on disposal of assets, net | | | | | | (35,646) | | (35,646) |
| Gain on contract settlements/extinguishments, net | (45,000) | | | | | (1,800) | | (46,800) |
| Total operating costs and expenses | (39,856) | 116,376 | 9,220 | 99,976 | 1 | 2,019,911 | (66,431) | 2,139,197 |
| Operating income (loss) | 39,856 | 89,842 | 5,915 | (99,976) | (1) | 892,408 | | 928,044 |
| Other income (expense) | | | | | | | | |
| Equity earnings in affiliates, net of tax | 736,942 | 392,101 | 53,787 | 796,217 | (1,177,957) | | (801,090) | |
| | (105,720) | (18,604) | (1,842) | (99,911) | (38,388) | (1,595,902) | 1,785,252 | (75,115) |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized | | | | | | | | |
| Interest income and other, net | 4,941 | 42,205 | (7) | 129,601 | 1,537,410 | 72,285 | (1,785,252) | 1,183 |
| Income before income taxes | 676,019 | 505,544 | 57,853 | 725,931 | 321,064 | (631,209) | (801,090) | 854,112 |
| Income tax provision | | (41,278) | | | | (83,954) | | (125,232) |
| Net Income | 676,019 | 464,266 | 57,853 | 725,931 | 321,064 | (715,163) | (801,090) | 728,880 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | | | | | | (88,725) | 35,864 | (52,861) |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | 676,019 | 464,266 | 57,853 | 725,931 | 321,064 | (803,888) | (765,226) | 676,019 |
| Other comprehensive income, net | 4,866 | | | | | 4,866 | (4,866) | 4,866 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 680,885 | \$ 464,266 | \$ 57,853 | \$ 725,931 | \$ 321,064 | \$ (799,022) | \$ (770,092) | \$ 680,885 |

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF INCOME

Three Months Ended September 30, 2012

(in thousands)

| | Noble-NHC and NDH | | | | | Other | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| | Cayman | Combined | NDC | NHIL | NDS6 | Non-guarantor | Consolidating | Total |
| | | | | | | of Noble | Adjustments | |
| Operating revenues | | | | | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | \$ | \$ 36,149 | \$ 5,061 | \$ | \$ | \$ 809,858 | \$ (17,856) | \$ 833,212 |
| Reimbursables | | 389 | | | | 27,748 | | 28,137 |
| Labor contract drilling services | | | | | | 22,667 | | 22,667 |
| Other | | | | | | 16 | | 16 |
| Total operating revenues | | 36,538 | 5,061 | | | 860,289 | (17,856) | 884,032 |
| Operating costs and expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | 1,355 | 13,948 | 1,919 | 19,636 | | 425,223 | (17,856) | 444,225 |
| Reimbursables | | 216 | | | | 20,831 | | 21,047 |
| Labor contract drilling services | | | | | | 12,991 | | 12,991 |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 15,500 | 1,181 | | | 177,914 | | 194,595 |
| General and administrative | 426 | 1,447 | | 9,700 | 1 | 3,913 | | 15,487 |
| Total operating costs and expenses | 1,781 | 31,111 | 3,100 | 29,336 | 1 | 640,872 | (17,856) | 688,345 |
| Operating income (loss) | (1,781) | 5,427 | 1,961 | (29,336) | (1) | 219,417 | | 195,687 |
| Other income (expense) | | | | | | | | |
| Equity earnings in affiliates, net of tax | 162,311 | 69,069 | 36,463 | 172,364 | 129,161 | | (569,368) | |
| | (30,496) | (8,964) | (852) | (33,509) | (11,832) | (20,221) | 80,239 | (25,635) |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized | | | | | | | | |
| Interest income and other, net | 1,689 | 11,080 | 9 | 37,430 | 2,846 | 28,546 | (80,239) | 1,361 |
| Income before income taxes | 131,723 | 76,612 | 37,581 | 146,949 | 120,174 | 227,742 | (569,368) | 171,413 |
| Income tax provision | | (8,639) | | | | (16,145) | | (24,784) |
| Net Income | 131,723 | 67,973 | 37,581 | 146,949 | 120,174 | 211,597 | (569,368) | 146,629 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | | | | | | (22,246) | 7,340 | (14,906) |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | 131,723 | 67,973 | 37,581 | 146,949 | 120,174 | 189,351 | (562,028) | 131,723 |
| Other comprehensive income, net | 3,384 | | | | | 3,384 | (3,384) | 3,384 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 135,107 | \$ 67,973 | \$ 37,581 | \$ 146,949 | \$ 120,174 | \$ 192,735 | \$ (565,412) | \$ 135,107 |

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF INCOME

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012

(in thousands)

| | Noble- NHC and NDH Cayman Combined | | NDC | NHIL | NDS6 | Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble | Consolidating Adjustments | Total |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|--|------------------------------|--------------|
| Operating revenues | | | | | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | \$ | \$ 117,488 | \$ 14,941 | \$ | \$ | \$ 2,352,618 | \$ (57,288) | \$ 2,427,759 |
| Reimbursables | | 6,199 | | | | 87,891 | | 94,090 |
| Labor contract drilling services | | | | | | 58,538 | | 58,538 |
| Other | | | | | | 1,190 | (932) | 258 |
| Total operating revenues | | 123,687 | 14,941 | | | 2,500,237 | (58,220) | 2,580,645 |
| Operating costs and expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | 3,794 | 42,642 | 5,529 | 56,048 | | 1,231,176 | (58,220) | 1,280,969 |
| Reimbursables | | 5,641 | | | | 70,977 | | 76,618 |
| Labor contract drilling services | | | | | | 34,070 | | 34,070 |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 45,577 | 3,278 | | | 499,416 | | 548,271 |
| General and administrative | 1,237 | 4,258 | | 28,137 | 1 | 11,331 | | 44,964 |
| Loss on impairment | | | | | | 18,345 | | 18,345 |
| Gain on contract settlements/extinguishments, net | | (4,869) | | | | (28,386) | | (33,255) |
| Total operating costs and expenses | 5,031 | 93,249 | 8,807 | 84,185 | 1 | 1,836,929 | (58,220) | 1,969,982 |
| Operating income (loss) | (5,031) | 30,438 | 6,134 | (84,185) | (1) | 663,308 | | 610,663 |
| Other income (expense) | | | | | | | | |
| Equity earnings in affiliates, net of tax | 515,132 | 358,234 | 92,343 | 583,122 | 274,564 | | (1,823,395) | |
| Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized | (76,396) | (37,881) | (3,040) | (83,975) | (31,020) | (60,193) | 235,722 | (56,783) |
| Interest income and other, net | 5,640 | 29,771 | 4 | 99,609 | 8,771 | 96,295 | (235,722) | 4,368 |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Income before income taxes | 439,345 | 380,562 | 95,441 | 514,571 | 252,314 | 699,410 | (1,823,395) | 558,248 |
| Income tax provision | | (30,902) | | | | (61,070) | | (91,972) |
| Net Income | 439,345 | 349,660 | 95,441 | 514,571 | 252,314 | 638,340 | (1,823,395) | 466,276 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | | | | | | (52,643) | 25,712 | (26,931) |
| Net income attributable to Noble Corporation | 439,345 | 349,660 | 95,441 | 514,571 | 252,314 | 585,697 | (1,797,683) | 439,345 |
| Other comprehensive income, net | 2,244 | | | | | 2,244 | (2,244) | 2,244 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Noble Corporation | \$ 441,589 | \$ 349,660 | \$ 95,441 | \$ 514,571 | \$ 252,314 | \$ 587,941 | \$ (1,799,927) | \$ 441,589 |

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013

(in thousands)

| | Noble- Cayman | NHC and NDH Combined | NDC | NHIL | NDS6 | Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble | Consolidating Adjustments | Total |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--|------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | | | | | |
| Net cash from operating activities | \$ (79,174) | \$ 46,344 | \$ 8,285 | \$ (113,088) | \$ 1,495,330 | \$ (144,753) | \$ | \$ 1,212,944 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | | | | | |
| New construction and capital expenditures | | (1,070,669) | (559) | | | (719,659) | | (1,790,887) |
| Proceeds from disposal of assets | | | | | | 61,000 | | 61,000 |
| Notes receivable from affiliates | | | | | | 294,798 | (294,798) | |
| Net cash from investing activities | | (1,070,669) | (559) | | | (363,861) | (294,798) | (1,729,887) |
| Cash flows from financing | | | | | | | | |

activities

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|-------------|------------|---------|------------|
| Net change in borrowings outstanding on bank credit facilities | 973,055 | | | | | | | 973,055 |
| Repayment of long-term debt | (300,000) | | | | | | | (300,000) |
| Financing costs on credit facilities | (2,432) | | | | | | | (2,432) |
| Dividends paid to joint venture partner | | | | | (69,728) | | | (69,728) |
| Distributions to parent company, net | (187,610) | | | | | | | (187,610) |
| Advances (to) from affiliates | (110,039) | 1,023,544 | (7,726) | 113,094 | (1,495,330) | 476,457 | | |
| Notes payable to affiliates | (294,798) | | | | | | 294,798 | |
| Net cash from financing activities | 78,176 | 1,023,544 | (7,726) | 113,094 | (1,495,330) | 406,729 | 294,798 | 413,285 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (998) | (781) | | 6 | | (101,885) | | (103,658) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 1,003 | 904 | | 2 | | 275,466 | | 277,375 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 5 | \$ 123 | \$ | \$ 8 | \$ | \$ 173,581 | \$ | \$ 173,717 |

Table of Contents

NOBLE CORPORATION (NOBLE-CAYMAN) AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012

(in thousands)

| | Noble- Cayman | NHC and NDH Combined | NDC | NHIL | NDS6 | Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble | Consolidating Adjustments | Total |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------|-------------|--|------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | | | | | |
| Net cash from operating activities | \$ (59,614) | \$ 7,563 | \$ 8,989 | \$ (107,638) | \$ (25,942) | \$ 1,133,499 | \$ | \$ 956,857 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | | | | | |
| New construction and capital expenditures | | (499,141) | (1,040) | | | (940,534) | | (1,440,715) |
| Notes receivable from affiliates | | | | (1,188,287) | | | 1,188,287 | |
| Net cash from investing activities | | (499,141) | (1,040) | (1,188,287) | | (940,534) | 1,188,287 | (1,440,715) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | | | | | | |
| Net change in borrowings | (630,000) | | | | | | | (630,000) |

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|------------|-------------|------------|
| outstanding on bank credit facilities | | | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of senior notes, net | | | | 1,186,636 | | | | 1,186,636 |
| Contributions from joint venture partner | | | | | | 40,000 | | 40,000 |
| Financing costs on credit facilities | (5,014) | | | | | | | (5,014) |
| Distributions to parent company, net | (129,139) | | | | | | | (129,139) |
| Advances (to) from affiliates | (364,666) | 491,628 | (7,949) | 109,308 | 25,942 | (254,263) | | |
| Notes payable to affiliates | 1,188,287 | | | | | | (1,188,287) | |
| Net cash from financing activities | 59,468 | 491,628 | (7,949) | 1,295,944 | 25,942 | (214,263) | (1,188,287) | 462,483 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (146) | 50 | | 19 | | (21,298) | | (21,375) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 146 | 385 | | | | 234,525 | | 235,056 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ | \$ 435 | \$ | \$ 19 | \$ | \$ 213,227 | \$ | \$ 213,681 |

Table of Contents**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion is intended to assist you in understanding our financial position at September 30, 2013, and our results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 filed by Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation (Noble-Swiss), and Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company (Noble-Cayman).

Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this report regarding contract backlog, fleet status, our financial position, business strategy, timing or results of acquisitions or dispositions, the pending migration to the United Kingdom, a potential separation and spin-off of our standard specification business (including form, timing and fleet composition), repayment of debt, borrowings under our credit facilities or other instruments, completion, delivery dates and acceptance of our newbuild rigs, future capital expenditures, contract commitments, dayrates, contract commencements, extension or renewals, contract tenders, the outcome of any dispute, litigation, audit or investigation, plans and objectives of management for future operations, foreign currency requirements, results of joint ventures, indemnity and other contract claims, construction and upgrade of rigs, industry conditions, access to financing, impact of competition, governmental regulations and permitting, availability of labor, worldwide economic conditions, taxes and tax rates, indebtedness covenant compliance, dividends and distributable reserves, and timing for compliance with any new regulations are forward-looking statements. When used in this report, the words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, project, should and similar expressions are intended to be forward-looking statements that identify forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that such expectations will prove to be correct. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report on Form 10-Q and we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement for any reason, except as required by law. We have identified factors including but not limited to operating hazards and delays, risks associated with operations outside the U.S., actions by regulatory authorities, customers, joint venture partners, contractors, lenders and other third parties, legislation and regulations affecting drilling operations, the inability to consummate a potential spin-off transaction or change in corporate domicile or the inability to realize the benefits of such transactions, factors affecting the level of activity in the oil and gas industry, supply and demand of drilling rigs, factors affecting the duration of contracts, the actual amount of downtime, factors that reduce applicable dayrates, violations of anti-corruption laws, hurricanes and other weather conditions and the future price of oil and gas that could cause actual plans or results to differ materially from those included in any forward-looking statements. These factors include those referenced or described in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and in our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). We cannot control such risk factors and other uncertainties, and in many cases, we cannot predict the risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements. You should consider these risks and uncertainties when you are evaluating us.

Executive Overview

Noble-Swiss is a leading offshore drilling contractor for the oil and gas industry. We perform contract drilling services with our fleet of 79 mobile offshore drilling units located worldwide. We also own one floating production storage and offloading unit. Currently, our fleet consists of 14 semisubmersibles, 14 drillships, 49 jackups and two

submersibles. At September 30, 2013, we had nine units under construction as follows:

three dynamically positioned, ultra-deepwater, harsh environment drillships; and

six high-specification heavy-duty, harsh environment jackups.

Table of Contents

Subsequent to September 30, 2013, one newbuild drillship, the *Noble Bob Douglas*, and one newbuild jackup, the *Noble Regina Allen*, were delivered from the shipyard. These units are currently mobilizing, undergoing final commissioning and customer acceptance testing before commencing their respective contracts.

Our fleet is deployed globally in oil and gas producing regions. Noble and its predecessors have been engaged in the contract drilling of oil and gas wells since 1921.

Migration to the United Kingdom

In October 2013, our shareholders approved the previously announced proposed corporate reorganization transaction (the Transaction) of Noble-Swiss and the group of companies it controls. The Transaction will merge Noble-Swiss into a newly formed subsidiary incorporated under English law, Noble Corporation plc. (Noble-UK), which will become our new holding company. The Transaction will effectively change the place of incorporation of our publicly traded parent company from Switzerland to the United Kingdom. Subject to the completion of certain closing requirements, the Transaction is expected to be completed in November 2013.

In the Transaction, all of the outstanding ordinary shares of Noble-Swiss will be cancelled, and Noble-UK will issue, through an exchange agent, one ordinary share of Noble-UK in exchange for each ordinary share of Noble-Swiss. Upon completion of the Transaction, Noble-UK will own and continue to conduct the same businesses through the Noble group as Noble-Swiss conducted prior to the Transaction, except that Noble-UK will be the parent company of the Noble group of companies. Noble-UK is expected to become subject to SEC reporting requirements and its ordinary shares have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NE , subject to notice of issuance.

Proposed Spin-off Transaction

In September 2013, we announced that our Board of Directors approved a plan to reorganize our business by means of a separation and spin-off of a newly formed subsidiary whose assets and liabilities would consist of most of our standard specification drilling units and related assets, liabilities and business (the Separation), resulting in the creation of two separate offshore drilling companies. The drilling units to be owned and operated by the new company include five drillships, three semisubmersibles, 34 jackups, two submersibles and one FPSO, as well as the Hibernia platform operations offshore Canada. We will continue to own and operate our high-specification assets with particular operating focus in deepwater and ultra-deepwater markets for drillships and semisubmersibles and harsh environment and high-specification markets for jackups.

The plan approved by the Board of Directors involves the separation of the standard specification business through the distribution of the shares of the new company to Noble-Swiss shareholders in a spin-off that would be tax-free to shareholders. Subject to business, market, regulatory and other considerations, the Separation is expected to be preceded by an initial public offering (IPO) of up to 20 percent of the shares of the new company. The Separation is subject to several conditions, including final approval of our Board of Directors and approval of our shareholders, which we expect to seek in the second quarter of 2014. We have received a private letter ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service stating that the Separation is expected to qualify as a tax-free transaction under sections 368(a)(1)(D) and 355, and related provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. We anticipate that the spin-off would be completed by the end of 2014. We expect that the net proceeds received by the new company from borrowings, and the IPO if undertaken, would be used to repay indebtedness to Noble incurred by the new company. We expect that, in turn, Noble would use such proceeds to repay outstanding indebtedness of Noble-Cayman and its subsidiaries. There can be no assurance that our proposed plan will lead to an IPO or spin-off of the new company or any other transaction, or that if any transaction is pursued, that it will be consummated.

Outlook

The business environment for the first nine months of 2013 has remained positive, with steady to higher drilling activity, especially for ultra-deepwater and jackup rigs. The overall contractual environment has been positive and underlying commodity prices have been stable, with Brent crude oil averaging \$107 per barrel in the third quarter. The stability of crude oil prices remains a key factor supporting customer exploration and production spending, which has positively influenced both shallow and deepwater drilling activity. Customer drilling activity, which continues to expand globally, has resulted in rig supply constraints in some regions, leading customers to contract rigs for longer durations.

Table of Contents

We believe both the short-term and long-term outlook for the ultra-deepwater market remains positive. Market dayrates for new ultra-deepwater units have consistently remained above \$500,000 throughout the year, which is higher than rates seen in recent years. A number of fixtures have exceeded \$550,000, and in certain cases even exceeded \$600,000. Our market analysis indicates that availability of ultra-deepwater units in 2014 continues to decrease. We have seen some early indications of softening in deepwater rates, as some units in the global deepwater fleet transition to new contracts. The softening dayrate environment is especially noticeable in older deepwater rigs that lack the technical features found on the new ultra-deepwater units delivered in recent quarters.

Utilization rates for jackups improved in most regions during the first nine months of 2013. While there is differentiation in the jackup market, with high-specification units having utilization rates and dayrates exceeding those for units that entered service before 2000, we continue to see improvement in the standard capability jackup market with strong utilization and rising dayrates in most regions.

Despite the positive market conditions noted above, global economic risk remains. In addition, political instability, especially in the Middle East and North Africa, has further created uncertainty within the marketplace. While these factors create a potential risk for postponement or cancellation of some drilling opportunities, we believe the outlook for the offshore drilling industry remains positive.

Results and Strategy

Our goal is to be the preferred offshore drilling contractor for the oil and gas industry based upon the following core principles:

operate in a manner that provides a safe working environment for our employees while protecting the environment and our assets;

provide an attractive investment vehicle for our shareholders; and

deliver exceptional customer service through a large, diverse and technically advanced fleet operated by competent personnel.

Our business strategy also focuses on the active expansion of our worldwide deepwater and high specification jackup capabilities through acquisitions, upgrades and modifications, the deployment of our drilling assets in important oil and gas producing areas throughout the world and potential divestitures of our standard specification drilling units.

We have actively expanded our offshore drilling, deepwater and high specification jackup capabilities in recent years through the construction and acquisition of rigs. As part of this technical and operational expansion, we plan to continue pursuing opportunities to upgrade our fleet to achieve greater technological capability, which we believe will lead to increased drilling efficiencies and the ability to complete the increasingly more complex well programs required by our customers. During the first nine months of 2013, we continued to execute our newbuild program, completing the following milestones:

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

we commenced operations on the *Noble Don Taylor*, a dynamically positioned, ultra-deepwater, harsh environment drillship, under a long-term contract in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico in the third quarter of 2013;

we commenced operations on the *Noble Globetrotter II*, a dynamically positioned, ultra-deepwater, harsh environment *Globetrotter*-class drillship, under a long-term contract in West Africa in the third quarter of 2013;

we completed construction of the *Noble Mick O'Brien*, a high-specification, heavy duty, harsh environment jackup that left the shipyard during the third quarter of 2013 and is scheduled to complete acceptance testing and begin operations under a five-month contract in the Middle East in the fourth quarter of 2013;

we continued construction of three additional dynamically positioned, ultra-deepwater, harsh environment drillships at Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. Ltd.;

we continued construction of five high-specification, heavy duty, harsh environment jackups; and

we began construction of one ultra-high specification jackup.

Table of Contents

Subsequent to September 30, 2013, one newbuild drillship, the *Noble Bob Douglas*, and one newbuild jackup, the *Noble Regina Allen*, were delivered from the shipyard. These units are currently mobilizing, undergoing final commissioning and customer acceptance testing before commencing their respective contracts.

Total capital expenditures, including expenditures related to our newbuild program, were \$1.7 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Demand for our services is a function of the worldwide supply of mobile offshore drilling units. In recent years, there has been a significant expansion of industry supply of both jackups and ultra-deepwater units, many of which are currently under construction without a contract. The introduction of non-contracted newbuild rigs into the marketplace will increase the supply of rigs which compete for drilling service contracts, and could negatively impact the dayrates we are able to achieve. Our strategy on newbuild construction has generally been to expand our drilling fleet in connection with a long-term drilling contract that covers a substantial portion of our capital investment and provides an acceptable return on our capital employed. In response to the addition of a significant number of new, technologically advanced units in the global fleet and changes in customer requirements and preferences, we determined that in order to maintain long-term competitiveness, it was both necessary and desirable for us to engage in building high specification jackups and floating units on a speculative basis. Of the units we currently have under construction, two of the heavy-duty, harsh environment jackups are being constructed without customer contracts. We will continue our efforts to secure contracts for these units, and believe that we will have these rigs contracted prior to their shipyard completion. We may continue to conduct new speculative building in the future.

From time to time, we evaluate individual rig transactions and business combinations with other parties where we believe we can create shareholder value. We will continue to consider business opportunities that promote our growth strategy and optimize shareholder value.

During the third quarter of 2013, we completed the sale of the *Noble Lewis Dugger* for \$61 million to an unrelated third party in Mexico. In connection with the sale, we recorded a pre-tax gain of approximately \$36 million.

While we cannot predict the future level of demand or dayrates for our drilling services or future conditions in the offshore contract drilling industry, we believe we are well positioned within the industry and that our newbuild program will further strengthen our position, especially in deepwater drilling.

Contract Drilling Services Backlog

We maintain a backlog (as defined below) of commitments for contract drilling services. The following table sets forth, as of September 30, 2013, the amount of our contract drilling services backlog and the percent of available operating days committed for the periods indicated:

| | Total | 2013 (1) | Year Ending December 31, | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017-2023 |
| (In millions) | | | | | | |
| Contract Drilling Services Backlog | | | | | | |
| Semisubmersibles/Drillships (2) (6) | \$ 12,242 | \$ 783 | \$ 3,012 | \$ 2,661 | \$ 1,876 | \$ 3,910 |
| Jackups/Submersibles (3) | 3,976 | 393 | 1,555 | 942 | 421 | 665 |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 16,218 | \$ 1,176 | \$ 4,567 | \$ 3,603 | \$ 2,297 | \$ 4,575 |
| Percent of Available Operating Days Committed ⁽⁵⁾ | | 80% | 71% | 42% | 20% | 5% |

(1) Represents a three-month period beginning October 1, 2013.

Table of Contents

(2) Our drilling contracts with Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. (Petrobras) provide an opportunity for us to earn performance bonuses based on downtime experienced for our rigs operating offshore Brazil. With respect to our semisubmersibles/drillships operating offshore Brazil for Petrobras, we have included in our backlog an amount equal to 75 percent of potential performance bonuses for such semisubmersibles. Our backlog for semisubmersibles/drillships includes approximately \$151 million attributable to these performance bonuses.

The drilling contracts with Royal Dutch Shell plc. (Shell) for the *Noble Globetrotter I*, *Noble Globetrotter II*, *Noble Jim Thompson*, *Noble Clyde Boudreaux*, *Noble Max Smith*, *Noble Don Taylor* and *Noble Jim Day* provide opportunities for us to earn performance bonuses based on key performance indicators as defined by Shell. With respect to these contracts, we have included in our backlog an amount equal to 50 percent of the potential performance bonuses for these rigs. Our backlog for these rigs includes approximately \$395 million attributable to these performance bonuses.

(3) Petróleos Mexicanos (Pemex) has the ability to cancel its drilling contracts on 30 days or less notice without Pemex s making an early termination payment. As of September 30, 2013, we had eleven rigs contracted to Pemex in Mexico, and our backlog includes approximately \$562 million related to such contracts.

(4) Our drilling contracts generally provide the customer an early termination right in the event we fail to meet certain performance standards, including downtime thresholds. For example, Petrobras has the right to terminate its contracts in the event of excessive downtime. While we have exceeded downtime thresholds in the past on certain rigs contracted with Petrobras, we have not received any notification concerning contract cancellations nor do we anticipate receiving any such notifications.

(5) Percentages take into account additional capacity from the estimated dates of deployment of our newbuild rigs that are scheduled to commence operations during 2013 through 2016.

(6) Noble and a subsidiary of Shell are involved in joint ventures that own and operate both the *Noble Bully I* and the *Noble Bully II*. Under the terms of the joint venture agreements, each party has an equal 50 percent share in both vessels. As of September 30, 2013, the combined amount of backlog for these rigs totals \$2.0 billion, all of which is included in our backlog. Noble s net interest in the backlog for these rigs is \$1.0 billion.

Our contract drilling services backlog reported above reflects estimated future revenues attributable to both signed drilling contracts and letters of intent that we expect to realize. A letter of intent is generally subject to customary conditions, including the execution of a definitive drilling contract. It is possible that some customers that have entered into letters of intent will not enter into signed drilling contracts. We calculate backlog for any given unit and period by multiplying the full contractual operating dayrate for such unit by the number of days remaining in the period. The reported contract drilling services backlog does not include amounts representing revenues for mobilization, demobilization and contract preparation, which are not expected to be significant to our contract drilling services revenues, amounts constituting reimbursables from customers or amounts attributable to uncommitted option periods under drilling contracts or letters of intent.

The amount of actual revenues earned and the actual periods during which revenues are earned may be materially different than the backlog amounts and backlog periods set forth in the table above due to various factors, including, but not limited to, shipyard and maintenance projects, unplanned downtime, achievement of bonuses, weather conditions and other factors that result in applicable dayrates lower than the full contractual operating dayrate. In addition, amounts included in the backlog may change because drilling contracts may be varied or modified by mutual consent or customers may exercise early termination rights contained in some of our drilling contracts or decline to enter into a drilling contract after executing a letter of intent. As a result, our backlog as of any particular date may not be indicative of our actual operating results for the periods for which the backlog is calculated.

As of September 30, 2013, we estimate Shell and Petrobras represented approximately 49 percent and 10 percent, respectively, of our backlog.

Table of Contents**Nigerian Operations**

In April 2010, the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Bill was signed into law. The law is designed to create Nigerian content in operations and transactions within the Nigerian oil and gas industry. The law sets forth certain requirements for the utilization of Nigerian human resources and goods and services in oil and gas projects and creates a Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board to implement and monitor the law and develop regulations pursuant to the law. The Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board has indicated that it will require all non-Nigerian offshore drilling companies to reorganize their local operations to include Nigerian indigenous minority interests in the operating assets and to obtain the approval of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board for future work in Nigeria. The law also establishes a Nigerian Content Development Fund to fund the implementation of the law, and requires that one percent of the value of every contract awarded in the Nigerian oil and gas industry be paid into the fund. We cannot predict what impact the new law may have on our existing or future operations in Nigeria, but the effect on our operations there could be significant.

Results of Operations**For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 and 2012**

Net income attributable to Noble-Swiss for the three months ended September 30, 2013 (the *Current Quarter*) was \$282 million, or \$1.10 per diluted share, on operating revenues of \$1.1 billion, compared to net income for the three months ended September 30, 2012 (the *Comparable Quarter*) of \$115 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, on operating revenues of \$884 million.

As a result of Noble-Swiss conducting all of its business through Noble-Cayman and its subsidiaries, the financial position and results of operations for Noble-Cayman, and the reasons for material changes in the amount of revenue and expense items between 2013 and 2012, are the same as the information presented below regarding Noble-Swiss in all material respects, except operating income for Noble-Cayman for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 was \$29 million and \$17 million higher than operating income for Noble-Swiss for the same period. The operating income difference is primarily a result of executive costs directly attributable to Noble-Swiss for operations support and stewardship related services.

Rig Utilization, Operating Days and Average Dayrates

Operating results for our contract drilling services segment are dependent on three primary metrics – rig utilization, operating days and dayrates. The following table sets forth the average rig utilization, operating days and average dayrates for our rig fleet for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012:

| | Average Rig Utilization (1) | | Operating Days (2) | | | Average Dayrates | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| | Three Months Ended | | Three Months Ended | | | Three Months Ended | | |
| | September 30, 2013 | September 30, 2012 | September 30, 2013 | September 30, 2012 | % Change | September 30, 2013 | September 30, 2012 | % Change |
| Jackups | 94% | 83% | 3,635 | 3,285 | 11% | \$ 112,414 | \$ 97,857 | 15% |
| Semisubmersibles | 79% | 83% | 1,012 | 1,067 | -5% | 380,048 | 331,900 | 15% |
| Drillships | 79% | 73% | 702 | 590 | 19% | 353,278 | 267,166 | 32% |
| Other | 0% | 0% | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Total | 85% | 78% | 5,349 | 4,942 | 8% | \$ 194,645 | \$ 168,608 | 15% |
|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|

- (1) Information reflects our policy of reporting on the basis of the number of rigs in our fleet, excluding newbuild rigs not placed in service.
- (2) Information reflects the number of days that our rigs were operating under contract.

Table of Contents**Contract Drilling Services**

The following table sets forth the operating results for our contract drilling services segment for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | | Change | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | September 30, | September 30, | \$ | % |
| | 2013 | 2012 | | |
| Operating revenues: | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | \$ 1,041,118 | \$ 833,212 | \$ 207,906 | 25% |
| Reimbursables (1) | 28,840 | 27,087 | 1,753 | 6% |
| Other | 28 | 16 | 12 | 75% |
| | \$ 1,069,986 | \$ 860,315 | \$ 209,671 | 24% |
| Operating costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | \$ 488,250 | \$ 449,125 | \$ 39,125 | 9% |
| Reimbursables (1) | 23,281 | 20,039 | 3,242 | 16% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 219,695 | 191,638 | 28,057 | 15% |
| General and administrative | 33,346 | 26,228 | 7,118 | 27% |
| Loss on impairment | 3,585 | | 3,585 | ** |
| Gain on disposal of assets, net | (35,646) | | (35,646) | ** |
| Gain on contract settlements/extinguishments, net | (45,000) | | (45,000) | ** |
| | 687,511 | 687,030 | 481 | 0% |
| Operating income | \$ 382,475 | \$ 173,285 | \$ 209,190 | 121% |

(1) We record reimbursements from customers for out-of-pocket expenses as operating revenues and the related direct costs as operating expenses. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

** Not a meaningful percentage.

Operating Revenues. Changes in contract drilling services revenues for the Current Quarter as compared to the Comparable Quarter were driven by increases in both average dayrates and operating days. The 15 percent increase in average dayrates increased revenue by \$139 million while the 8 percent increase in operating days increased revenues by approximately \$69 million.

The increase in contract drilling services revenues relates to our drillships, jackups and semisubmersibles, which generated approximately \$90 million, \$87 million and \$31 million more revenue, respectively, in the Current Quarter.

The 32 percent increase in drillship average dayrates resulted in a \$60 million increase in revenues, and the 19 percent increase in drillship operating days resulted in a \$30 million increase in revenues from the Comparable Quarter. The increase in both average dayrates and operating days was the result of the *Noble Don Taylor* and *Noble Globetrotter II*, which commenced their contracts with Shell in August 2013 and September 2013, respectively. Additionally, the

Noble Leo Segerius operated during the Current Quarter after being off contract during the Comparable Quarter.

The 15 percent increase in jackup average dayrates resulted in a \$53 million increase in revenues, and the 11 percent increase in jackup operating days resulted in a \$34 million increase in revenues from the Comparable Quarter. The increase in average dayrates resulted from improved market conditions in the global shallow water market. The increase in utilization is primarily related to certain rigs in the Middle and Far East, which were operating during the Current Quarter but not in the Comparable Quarter.

The 15 percent increase in semisubmersibles average dayrates resulted in a \$49 million increase in revenues from the Comparable Quarter. The increase in average dayrates resulted from favorable dayrate changes on new contracts across the semisubmersible fleet, as well as the *Noble Max Smith* and the *Noble Clyde Boudreaux*, which operated during the Current Quarter after being off contract for part the Comparable Quarter. The 5 percent decline in operating days resulted in an \$18 million decline in revenues driven by downtime on the *Noble Paul Romano* and the *Noble Homer Ferrington* during the Current Quarter.

Table of Contents

Operating Costs and Expenses. Contract drilling services operating costs and expenses increased \$39 million for the Current Quarter as compared to the Comparable Quarter. A portion of the increase was due to the crew-up and operating expenses for the recently completed newbuild drillships, which added approximately \$18 million in expenses during the Current Quarter. Excluding the additional expenses related to these newbuilds, our contract drilling costs increased \$21 million in the Current Quarter from the Comparable Quarter. This change was primarily driven by a \$15 million increase in labor costs, a \$13 million increase in shorebase support and an \$8 million increase in mobilization due to the amortization of certain rig moves and the demobilization of rigs primarily in Mexico, partially offset by a \$14 million decrease in repair and maintenance and a \$1 million decrease in other miscellaneous costs.

The increase in depreciation and amortization in the Current Quarter from the Comparable Quarter was primarily attributable to assets placed in service, including the Noble Globetrotter I, *Noble Don Taylor* and *Noble Globetrotter II*.

Loss on impairment during the Current Quarter was related to our two cold stacked submersible rigs arising from the potential disposition of these assets to an unrelated third party.

Gain on disposal of assets during the Current Quarter was attributable to the sale of the *Noble Lewis Dugger* to an unrelated third party in Mexico.

Gain on contract settlements/extinguishments during the Current Quarter was attributable to the settlement of all claims against the former shareholders of FDR Holdings, Ltd., which we acquired in July 2010, relating to alleged breaches of various representations and warranties contained in the purchase agreement.

Other

The following table sets forth the operating results for our other services for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012:

| | Three Months Ended | | Change | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| | September 30, 2013 | 2012 | \$ | % |
| Operating revenues: | | | | |
| Labor contract drilling services | \$ 8,493 | \$ 22,667 | \$ (14,174) | -63% |
| Reimbursables (1) | 402 | 1,050 | (648) | -62% |
| | \$ 8,895 | \$ 23,717 | \$ (14,822) | -62% |
| Operating costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Labor contract drilling services | \$ 8,153 | \$ 12,991 | \$ (4,838) | -37% |
| Reimbursables (1) | 390 | 1,008 | (618) | -61% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 4,016 | 3,449 | 567 | 16% |
| General and administrative | 430 | 630 | (200) | -32% |
| | 12,989 | 18,078 | (5,089) | -28% |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|----|
| Operating income (loss) | \$ (4,094) | \$ 5,639 | \$ (9,733) | ** |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|----|

- (1) We record reimbursements from customers for out-of-pocket expenses as operating revenues and the related direct costs as operating expenses. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

** Not a meaningful percentage.

Operating Revenues and Costs and Expenses. The decrease in both revenue and expense primarily relates to the cancellation of a project with our customer, Shell, for one of its rigs that was operating under a labor contract in Alaska. The project was cancelled on March 31, 2013.

Table of Contents**Other Income and Expenses**

Interest Expense, net of amount capitalized. Interest expense, net of amount capitalized, was \$2 million lower in the Current Quarter as compared to the Comparable Quarter. The decrease is a result of the repayment of our 5.875 percent senior notes in June 2013 using proceeds from our commercial paper program, which are at a lower interest rate.

Income Tax Provision. Our income tax provision increased \$31 million in the Current Quarter, of which \$15 million is related to the tax on the sale of the *Noble Lewis Dugger*. Excluding the sale of the *Noble Lewis Dugger*, the increase in our income tax provision was driven by higher pre-tax income, which increased our income tax provision by \$27 million. This was partially offset by a lower tax rate in the Current Quarter as a result of favorable changes in the geographic mix of pre-tax income and the recognition of certain discrete benefits during the Current Quarter.

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 and 2012

Net income attributable to Noble-Swiss for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 (the Current Period) was \$609 million, or \$2.37 per diluted share, on operating revenues of \$3.1 billion, compared to net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 (the Comparable Period) of \$395 million, or \$1.55 per diluted share, on operating revenues of \$2.6 billion.

As a result of Noble-Swiss conducting all of its business through Noble-Cayman and its subsidiaries, the financial position and results of operations for Noble-Cayman, and the reasons for material changes in the amount of revenue and expense items between 2013 and 2012, are the same as the information presented below regarding Noble-Swiss in all material respects, except operating income for Noble-Cayman for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 was \$66 million and \$44 million higher than operating income for Noble-Swiss for the same period. The operating income difference is primarily a result of executive costs directly attributable to Noble-Swiss for operations support and stewardship related services.

Rig Utilization, Operating Days and Average Dayrates

Operating results for our contract drilling services segment are dependent on three primary metrics—rig utilization, operating days and dayrates. The following table sets forth the average rig utilization, operating days and average dayrates for our rig fleet for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012:

| | Average Rig Utilization (1) | | Operating Days (2) | | | Average Dayrates | | |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | % Change | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | | | 2013 | 2012 |
| Jackups | 93% | 80% | 10,826 | 9,447 | 15% | \$ 111,414 | \$ 95,333 | 17% |
| Semisubmersibles | 79% | 86% | 3,036 | 3,286 | -8% | 356,396 | 345,530 | 3% |
| Drillships | 80% | 64% | 2,008 | 1,344 | 49% | 327,336 | 291,448 | 12% |
| Other | 0% | 0% | | | | | | |
| Total | 84% | 76% | 15,870 | 14,077 | 13% | \$ 185,589 | \$ 172,466 | 8% |

- (1) Information reflects our policy of reporting on the basis of the number of rigs in our fleet, excluding newbuild rigs not placed in service.
- (2) Information reflects the number of days that our rigs were operating under contract.

Table of Contents**Contract Drilling Services**

The following table sets forth the operating results for our contract drilling services segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 (in thousands):

| | Nine Months Ended | | Change | |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | September 30, | September 30, | \$ | % |
| | 2013 | 2012 | | |
| Operating revenues: | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | \$ 2,945,310 | \$ 2,427,759 | \$ 517,551 | 21% |
| Reimbursables (1) | 77,551 | 91,913 | (14,362) | -16% |
| Other | 105 | 258 | (153) | -59% |
| | \$ 3,022,966 | \$ 2,519,930 | \$ 503,036 | 20% |
| Operating costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Contract drilling services | \$ 1,464,320 | \$ 1,292,638 | \$ 171,682 | 13% |
| Reimbursables (1) | 60,219 | 74,519 | (14,300) | -19% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 631,396 | 539,698 | 91,698 | 17% |
| General and administrative | 84,673 | 73,907 | 10,766 | 15% |
| Loss on impairment | 3,585 | 12,710 | (9,125) | ** |
| Gain on disposal of assets, net | (35,646) | | (35,646) | ** |
| Gain on contract settlements/extinguishments, net | (46,800) | (33,255) | (13,545) | 41% |
| | 2,161,747 | 1,960,217 | 201,530 | 10% |
| Operating income | \$ 861,219 | \$ 559,713 | \$ 301,506 | 54% |

(1) We record reimbursements from customers for out-of-pocket expenses as operating revenues and the related direct costs as operating expenses. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

** Not a meaningful percentage.

Operating Revenues. Changes in contract drilling services revenues for the Current Period as compared to the Comparable Period were driven by increases in both operating days and average dayrates. The 13 percent increase in operating days increased revenue by \$309 million while the 8 percent increase in average dayrates increased revenues by approximately \$209 million.

The change in contract drilling services revenues relates to our jackups and drillships, which generated approximately \$305 million and \$266 million more revenue, respectively, in the Current Period. These amounts were offset by decreases in revenues from our semisubmersibles, which declined \$53 million from the Comparable Period.

The 17 percent increase in jackup average dayrates resulted in a \$174 million increase in revenues, which was coupled with a 15 percent increase in operating days, resulting in a \$131 million increase in revenues from the Comparable Period. The increase in average dayrates resulted from improved market conditions in the global shallow water

market. Additionally, revenue of \$18 million was recognized in connection with the cancellation of a contract by our customer on the *Noble Houston Colbert*. The increase in utilization primarily related to rigs in Mexico and the Middle East, which experienced increased operating days during the Current Period.

The increase in drillship revenues was driven by a 49 percent increase in operating days and a 12 percent increase in average dayrates, resulting in a \$194 million and a \$72 million increase in revenues, respectively, from the Comparable Period. The increase in both average dayrates and operating days was the result of the *Noble Bully I*, *Noble Bully II*, *Noble Globetrotter I*, *Noble Globetrotter II* and the *Noble Don Taylor*, which commenced their contracts with Shell in March 2012, April 2012, July 2012, August 2013 and September 2013, respectively. Additionally, the *Noble Duchess* and the *Noble Leo Segerius* operated during the Current Period after being off contract during the Comparable Period. These increases were partially offset by the *Noble Roger Eason*, which was in the shipyard during the Current Period to undergo its reliability upgrade project.

Table of Contents

The decrease in semisubmersible revenues of \$53 million primarily relates to the *Noble Paul Romano* and the *Noble Homer Ferrington*, which were off contract during the Current Period but operated during the Comparable Period, coupled with downtime on the *Noble Paul Wolff* and the *Noble Therald Martin* during the Current Period. These decreases were partially offset by favorable dayrate changes on new contracts across the semisubmersible fleet, as well as the *Noble Max Smith*, which experienced full utilization during the Current Period after being off contract during the Comparable Period.

Operating Costs and Expenses. Contract drilling services operating costs and expenses increased \$172 million for the Current Period as compared to the Comparable Period. A portion of the increase was due to the crew-up and operating expenses for the recently completed newbuild drillships, which added approximately \$82 million in expenses during the Current Period. Excluding the additional expenses related to these rigs, our contract drilling costs increased \$90 million in the Current Period from the Comparable Period. This change was primarily driven by a \$50 million increase in labor, the majority of which is due to rigs returning to work during the Current Period and a \$50 million increase related to shorebase support, partially offset by a \$10 million decrease in mobilization due to the amortization of certain rig moves and the demobilization of rigs primarily in the North Sea and Mexico.

The increase in depreciation and amortization in the Current Period from the Comparable Period was primarily attributable to assets placed in service, including the *Noble Bully I*, *Noble Bully II*, *Noble Globetrotter I*, *Noble Don Taylor* and *Noble Globetrotter II*.

Loss on impairment during the Comparable Period related to an impairment charge on our submersible fleet, primarily as a result of the declining market for drilling services for this rig type. During the Current Period, we recorded an additional impairment charge of approximately \$4 million on our two cold stacked submersible rigs arising from the potential disposition of these assets to an unrelated third party.

Gain on disposal of assets during the Current Period was attributable to the sale of the *Noble Lewis Dugger* to an unrelated third party in Mexico.

Gain on contract settlements/extinguishments during the Current Period was attributable to the settlement of all claims against the former shareholders of FDR Holdings, Ltd., which we acquired in July 2010, relating to alleged breaches of various representations and warranties contained in the purchase agreement. During the Comparable Period, we recognized a \$28 million gain on the settlement of an action with certain vendors for damages sustained during Hurricane Ike. Additionally, we recognized a \$5 million gain from a claims settlement on the *Noble David Tinsley*, which had experienced a punch-through while being positioned on location in 2009.

Table of Contents**Other**

The following table sets forth the operating results for our other services for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012:

| | Nine Months Ended | | Change | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | September 30, | September 30, | \$ | % |
| | 2013 | 2012 | | |
| Operating revenues: | | | | |
| Labor contract drilling services | \$ 43,150 | \$ 58,538 | \$ (15,388) | -26% |
| Reimbursables (1) | 1,125 | 2,177 | (1,052) | -48% |
| | \$ 44,275 | \$ 60,715 | \$ (16,440) | -27% |
| Operating costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Labor contract drilling services | \$ 29,804 | \$ 34,070 | \$ (4,266) | -13% |
| Reimbursables (1) | 1,075 | 2,099 | (1,024) | -49% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 11,060 | 10,081 | 979 | 10% |
| General and administrative | 1,523 | 1,481 | 42 | 3% |
| Loss on impairment | | 5,635 | (5,635) | ** |
| | 43,462 | 53,366 | (9,904) | -19% |
| Operating income | \$ 813 | \$ 7,349 | \$ (6,536) | ** |

(1) We record reimbursements from customers for out-of-pocket expenses as operating revenues and the related direct costs as operating expenses. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

** Not a meaningful percentage.

Operating Revenues and Costs and Expenses. The change in both revenue and expense primarily relates to the cancellation of a project with our customer, Shell, for one of its rigs operating under a labor contract in Alaska. The project was cancelled on March 31, 2013.

Loss on impairment during the Comparable Period related to an impairment charge on certain corporate assets, as a result of a declining market for, and the potential disposal of, such assets.

Other Income and Expenses

Interest Expense, net of amount capitalized. Interest expense, net of amount capitalized, increased \$18 million in the Current Period as compared to the Comparable Period. The increase is a result of lower capitalized interest in the Current Period as compared to the Comparable Period due primarily to the completion of construction on five of our newbuild drillships, coupled with increased borrowings outstanding under our credit facilities and commercial paper program. During the Current Period, we capitalized approximately 55 percent of total interest charges versus approximately 66 percent during the Comparable Period.

Income Tax Provision. Our income tax provision increased \$34 million in the Current Period, of which \$15 million is related to the tax on the sale of the *Noble Lewis Dugger*. Excluding the sale of the *Noble Lewis Dugger*, the increase in our income tax provision was driven by higher pre-tax income, which increased our income tax provision by \$43 million. This was partially offset by a lower tax rate in the Current Period as a result of favorable changes in the geographic mix of pre-tax income and the recognition of certain discrete benefits during the Current Period.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Net cash from operating activities for the Current Period was \$1.2 billion and \$932 million in the Comparable Period. The increase in net cash from operating activities in the Current Period was primarily attributable to an increase in net income. We had working capital of \$390 million and \$394 million at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. Our total debt as a percentage of total debt plus equity increased to 37.5 percent at September 30, 2013 from 35.3 percent at December 31, 2012 as a result of an increase in commercial paper outstanding during the Current Period.

Table of Contents

Our principal source of capital in the Current Period was the \$1.2 billion in cash generated from operating activities noted above, coupled with borrowings through our commercial paper program. Cash generated during the Current Period was primarily used to fund our capital expenditure program.

Our currently anticipated cash flow needs may include the following:

committed capital expenditures, including expenditures for newbuild projects currently underway;

normal recurring operating expenses;

discretionary capital expenditures, including various capital upgrades;

payments of dividends; and

repayment of maturing debt.

We currently expect to fund these cash flow needs with cash generated by our operations, cash on hand, borrowings under our existing credit facilities and commercial paper program, borrowings under potential new credit facilities, issuances of long-term debt, or asset sales. However, to adequately cover our expected cash flow needs, we may require capital in excess of the amount provided through these sources, and we may seek additional sources of liquidity and/or delay or cancel certain discretionary capital expenditures as necessary.

At September 30, 2013, we had a total contract drilling services backlog of approximately \$16.2 billion. Our backlog as of September 30, 2013 reflects a commitment of 80 percent of available days for the remainder of 2013 and 71 percent for 2014. See additional information regarding our backlog at [Contract Drilling Services Backlog](#).

Capital Expenditures

Our primary use of available liquidity during 2013 is for capital expenditures. Capital expenditures, including capitalized interest, totaled \$1.7 billion and \$1.2 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Table of Contents

At September 30, 2013, we had nine rigs under construction, and capital expenditures, excluding capitalized interest, for new construction during the first nine months of 2013 totaled \$1.0 billion, as follows (in millions):

| Rig type/name | |
|---|-------------------|
| Currently under construction | |
| Drillships | |
| <i>Noble Sam Croft</i> | \$ 70.9 |
| <i>Noble Tom Madden</i> | 64.8 |
| <i>Noble Bob Douglas **</i> | 63.3 |
| Jackups | |
| <i>Noble Jackup VII (CJ70-Mariner)</i> | 179.6 |
| <i>Noble Regina Allen **</i> | 8.6 |
| <i>Noble Houston Colbert</i> | 7.4 |
| <i>Noble Sam Turner</i> | 4.2 |
| <i>Noble Tom Prosser</i> | 3.3 |
| <i>Noble Sam Hartley</i> | 2.6 |
| Recently completed construction projects | |
| <i>Noble Don Taylor</i> | 376.1 |
| <i>Noble Mick O Brien</i> | 134.4 |
| <i>Noble Globetrotter II</i> | 98.9 |
| <i>Other</i> | 7.7 |
| Total Newbuild Capital Expenditures | \$ 1,021.8 |

** These units were delivered from the shipyard subsequent to September 30, 2013.

In addition to the newbuild expenditures noted above, capital expenditures during the first nine months of 2013 consisted of the following:

\$610 million for capital expenditures, which includes major projects, subsea related expenditures and upgrades and replacements to drilling equipment; and

\$92 million in capitalized interest.

Our total capital expenditure estimate for 2013 is approximately \$2.6 billion, including capitalized interest.

In connection with our capital expenditure program, as of September 30, 2013, we had outstanding commitments, including shipyard and purchase commitments, for approximately \$2.6 billion, of which we expect to spend approximately \$1.7 billion within the next twelve months.

From time to time we consider possible projects that would require expenditures that are not included in our capital budget, and such unbudgeted expenditures could be significant. In addition, we will continue to evaluate acquisitions of drilling units from time to time. Other factors that could cause actual capital expenditures to materially exceed plan

include delays and cost overruns in shipyards (including costs attributable to labor shortages), shortages of equipment, latent damage or deterioration to hull, equipment and machinery in excess of engineering estimates and assumptions, changes in governmental regulations and requirements and changes in design criteria or specifications during repair or construction.

Dividends

Our most recent quarterly dividend payment to shareholders, totaling \$64 million (or \$0.25 per share), was declared on July 26, 2013 and paid on August 15, 2013 to holders of record on August 5, 2013. This payment represented the first tranche of our previously approved annual dividend payment to shareholders discussed below.

Table of Contents

In April 2013, our shareholders approved the payment of a dividend aggregating \$1.00 per share to be paid in four equal installments, the first of which was paid in August 2013, with the remaining three installments currently scheduled for November 2013, February 2014 and May 2014, respectively. Our Board of Directors has the authority to accelerate the payment of any installment, or portions thereof, at its sole discretion at any time prior to payment of the final installment.

The declaration and payment of dividends, or returns of capital in the form of par value reductions, require authorization of the shareholders of Noble-Swiss. The amount of such dividends, distributions and returns of capital will depend on our results of operations, financial condition, cash requirements, future business prospects, contractual restrictions and other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors and shareholders.

Credit Facilities and Senior Unsecured Notes

Credit Facilities and Commercial Paper Program

We currently have three separate credit facilities with an aggregate maximum available capacity of \$2.9 billion (together, the Credit Facilities), which includes a \$600 million 364-day unsecured revolving credit agreement we entered into in August 2013. In addition, we have an \$800 million credit facility maturing in 2015 and a \$1.5 billion credit facility maturing in 2017. We also established a commercial paper program in September 2012, which allows us to issue up to \$1.8 billion in unsecured commercial paper notes. Amounts issued under the commercial paper program are supported by our Credit Facilities and, therefore, are classified as long-term on our Consolidated Balance Sheet. Our total debt related to the Credit Facilities and commercial paper program was \$1.3 billion at September 30, 2013 as compared to \$340 million at December 31, 2012. At September 30, 2013, we had approximately \$1.6 billion of available capacity under the Credit Facilities.

The Credit Facilities provide us with the ability to issue up to \$375 million in letters of credit in the aggregate. The issuance of letters of credit does not increase our borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facilities, but it does reduce the amount available. At September 30, 2013, we had no letters of credit issued under the Credit Facilities.

Senior Unsecured Notes

In February 2012, we issued, through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, Noble Holding International Limited (NHIL), \$1.2 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes in three separate tranches, comprising \$300 million of 2.50% Senior Notes due 2017, \$400 million of 3.95% Senior Notes due 2022, and \$500 million of 5.25% Senior Notes due 2042. The weighted average coupon of all three tranches is 4.13%. The net proceeds of approximately \$1.19 billion, after expenses, were primarily used to repay the then outstanding balance on our Credit Facilities.

Our 5.875% Senior Notes matured during the second quarter of 2013. We used proceeds from our commercial paper program to repay the \$300 million outstanding balance.

Covenants

The Credit Facilities and commercial paper program are guaranteed by our indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, NHIL and Noble Drilling Corporation (NDC). The covenants and events of default under the Credit Facilities are substantially similar, and each facility contains a covenant that limits our ratio of debt to total tangible capitalization, as defined in the Credit Facilities, to 0.60. At September 30, 2013, our ratio of debt to total tangible capitalization was approximately 0.37. We were in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Facilities as of September 30, 2013.

In addition to the covenants from the Credit Facilities noted above, the indentures governing our outstanding senior unsecured notes contain covenants that place restrictions on certain merger and consolidation transactions, unless we are the surviving entity or the other party assumes the obligations under the indenture, and on the ability to sell or transfer all or substantially all of our assets. In addition, there are restrictions on incurring or assuming certain liens and sale and lease-back transactions. At September 30, 2013, we were in compliance with all our debt covenants. We continually monitor compliance with the covenants under our notes and, based on our expectations for 2013, expect to remain in compliance during the year.

Table of Contents

Other

At September 30, 2013, we had letters of credit of \$214 million and performance and tax assessment bonds totaling \$131 million supported by surety bonds outstanding. Additionally, certain of our subsidiaries issue guarantees to the temporary import status of rigs or equipment imported into certain countries in which we operate. These guarantees are issued in-lieu of payment of custom, value added or similar taxes in those countries.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2013, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2013-02, which amends FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 220, Comprehensive Income. This amended guidance requires additional information about reclassification adjustments out of comprehensive income, including changes in comprehensive income balances by component and significant items reclassified out of comprehensive income. This guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2012. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In March 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-05, which amends ASC Topic 830, Foreign Currency Matters. This ASU provides guidance on foreign currency translation adjustments when a parent entity ceases to have a controlling interest on a previously consolidated subsidiary or group of assets. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2013. We are still evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-11, which amends ASC Topic 740, Taxes. This ASU provides guidance on the presentation of tax benefits when a net operating loss carryforward or other tax credit carryforward exists. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2013. We are still evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Market risk is the potential for loss from a change in the value of a financial instrument as a result of fluctuations in interest rates, currency exchange rates or equity prices, as further described below.

Interest Rate Risk

We are subject to market risk exposure related to changes in interest rates on borrowings under the Credit Facilities. Interest on borrowings under the Credit Facilities is at an agreed upon percentage point spread over LIBOR, or a base rate stated in the agreements. At September 30, 2013, we had \$1.3 billion in borrowings outstanding under our commercial paper program, which is supported by the Credit Facilities. Assuming our current level of debt, a change in LIBOR rates of 1 percent would increase our interest charges by approximately \$13 million per year.

We maintain certain debt instruments at a fixed rate whose fair value will fluctuate based on changes in interest rates and market perceptions of our credit risk. The fair value of our long-term debt was \$5.4 billion and \$5.1 billion at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. The increase in fair value was primarily a result of increased indebtedness outstanding under our commercial paper program coupled with changes in interest rates and market perceptions of our credit risk, partially offset by the repayment of our \$300 million fixed rate senior note.

Table of Contents***Foreign Currency Risk***

As a multinational company, we conduct business worldwide. Our functional currency is primarily the U.S. dollar, which is consistent with the oil and gas industry. However, outside the United States, a portion of our expenses are incurred in local currencies. Therefore, when the U.S. dollar weakens (strengthens) in relation to the currencies of the countries in which we operate, our expenses reported in U.S. dollars will increase (decrease).

We are exposed to risks on future cash flows to the extent that local currency expenses exceed revenues denominated in local currency that are different than the functional currency. To help manage this potential risk, we periodically enter into derivative instruments to manage our exposure to fluctuations in currency exchange rates, and we may conduct hedging activities in future periods to mitigate such exposure. These contracts are primarily accounted for as cash flow hedges, with the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the hedge recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and in Accumulated other comprehensive loss (AOCL). Amounts recorded in AOCL are reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods that the hedged item is settled and recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the hedged item is recorded directly to earnings. We have documented policies and procedures to monitor and control the use of derivative instruments. We do not engage in derivative transactions for speculative or trading purposes, nor are we a party to leveraged derivatives.

Our North Sea and Brazil operations have a significant amount of their cash operating expenses payable in local currencies. To limit the potential risk of currency fluctuations, we periodically enter into forward contracts, all of which have a maturity of less than 12 months. The forward contracts maturing during the remainder of 2013 represent approximately 59 percent of these forecasted local currency requirements. The notional amount of the forward contracts outstanding, expressed in U.S. dollars, was approximately \$42 million at September 30, 2013. Total unrealized gain related to these forward contracts was \$0.6 million as of September 30, 2013 and was recorded as part of AOCL. A 10 percent change in the exchange rate for the local currencies would change the fair value of these forward contracts by approximately \$4 million.

Market Risk

We have a U.S. noncontributory defined benefit pension plan that covers certain salaried employees and a U.S. noncontributory defined benefit pension plan that covers certain hourly employees, whose initial date of employment is prior to August 1, 2004 (collectively referred to as our qualified U.S. plans). These plans are governed by the Noble Drilling Corporation Retirement Trust. The benefits from these plans are based primarily on years of service and, for the salaried plan, employees' compensation near retirement. These plans are designed to qualify under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and our funding policy is consistent with funding requirements of ERISA and other applicable laws and regulations. We make cash contributions, or utilize credits available to us, for the qualified U.S. plans when required. The benefit amount that can be covered by the qualified U.S. plans is limited under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Therefore, we maintain an unfunded, nonqualified excess benefit plan designed to maintain benefits for all employees at the formula level in the qualified U.S. plans.

In addition to the U.S. plans, each of Noble Drilling (Land Support) Limited, Noble Enterprises Limited and Noble Drilling (Nederland) B.V., all indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Noble-Swiss, maintains a pension plan that covers all of its salaried, non-union employees (collectively referred to as our non-U.S. plans). Benefits are based on credited service and employees' compensation, as defined by the plans.

Changes in market asset values related to the pension plans noted above could have a material impact upon our Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and could result in material cash expenditures in future periods.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

David W. Williams, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Noble-Swiss, and James A. MacLennan, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Noble-Swiss, have evaluated the disclosure controls and procedures of Noble-Swiss as of the end of the period covered by this report. On the basis of this evaluation, Mr. Williams and Mr. MacLennan have concluded that Noble-Swiss disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2013. Noble-Swiss disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by Noble-Swiss in the reports that it files with or submits to the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Table of Contents

David W. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer of Noble-Cayman, and Dennis J. Lubojacky, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Noble-Cayman, have evaluated the disclosure controls and procedures of Noble-Cayman as of the end of the period covered by this report. On the basis of this evaluation, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lubojacky have concluded that Noble-Cayman's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2013. Noble-Cayman's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by Noble-Cayman in the reports that it files with or submits to the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There was no change in either Noble-Swiss or Noble-Cayman's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2013 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the internal control over financial reporting of each of Noble-Swiss or Noble-Cayman, respectively.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Information regarding legal proceedings is set forth in Notes 4, 8 and 15 to our consolidated financial statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Risks Relating to Our Business

The risk factors below update and supplement the risks described under "Risk Factors Relating to Our Business" in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, and should be considered together with the risk factors described in that report.

We may not complete the proposed change in the place of incorporation of Noble-Swiss from Switzerland to the United Kingdom. If we do complete the change in the place of incorporation, we may not realize the benefits we anticipate from the migration, or the migration may adversely impact us or our shareholders.

We cannot assure that we will complete the announced change of place of incorporation of our parent company from Switzerland to the United Kingdom if certain conditions, including receiving final regulatory clearance, are not satisfied.

Even if we complete the migration to the United Kingdom, we may not realize the benefits that we expect to realize from the migration. The migration may also expose us to certain risks that could have an adverse effect on us or our results of operations. Further, if the migration is completed, the rights of our shareholders as shareholders of an English company will differ from the rights they have currently as shareholders of a Swiss company.

In connection with the proposed migration, we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a registration statement on Form S-4, which was declared effective by the SEC, and we distributed to our shareholders a definitive proxy statement/prospectus. You should read the definitive proxy statement/prospectus carefully because it contains important information about us and the migration, including risks related thereto.

Table of Contents

The proposed separation and spin-off of our standard specification business is contingent upon the satisfaction of a number of conditions, may require significant time and attention of our management and may not achieve the intended results, and difficulties in connection with the spin-off could have an adverse effect on us.

As previously disclosed, our Board of Directors has approved a plan to reorganize our business by means of a separation and spin-off of a newly formed subsidiary whose assets would consist of most of our standard specification drilling units. For more information, please read "The Proposed Spin-Off" in Item 2 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The spin-off, including any potential IPO of our subsidiary that would own and operate most of our standard specification business, is contingent upon the final approval of our Board of Directors, the approval of our shareholders, and other conditions, some of which are beyond our control. We may also choose to abandon the spin-off at any time. For these and other reasons, the spin-off may not be completed in the expected timeframe or at all. Additionally, execution of the proposed spin-off will likely continue to require significant expense, time and attention of our management. The spin-off could distract management from the operation of our business and the execution of our other strategic initiatives. Our employees may also be uncertain about their future roles within the separate companies pending the completion of the spin-off, which could lead to departures. Further, if the spin-off is completed, we may not realize the benefits we expect to realize. Any such difficulties could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. If completed, the spin-off may also expose us to certain risks that could have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated certain information with respect to purchases of shares by Noble-Swiss:

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased⁽²⁾ | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs⁽¹⁾ |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| July 2013 | 10,912 | \$ 38.64 | | 6,769,891 |
| August 2013 | 863 | \$ 38.73 | | 6,769,891 |
| September 2013 | 630 | \$ 40.44 | | 6,769,891 |

- (1) All share purchases made in the open market and were pursuant to the share repurchase program which our Board of Directors authorized and adopted and our shareholders approved. Our repurchase program has no date of expiration.
- (2) Amounts represent shares surrendered by employees for withholding taxes payable upon the vesting of restricted stock or exercise of stock options.

Item 6. Exhibits

The information required by this Item 6 is set forth in the Index to Exhibits accompanying this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and is incorporated herein by reference.

Table of Contents

SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation

/s/ David W. Williams
David W. Williams

November 4, 2013
Date

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ James A. MacLennan
James A. MacLennan

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company

/s/ David W. Williams
David W. Williams

November 4, 2013
Date

President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Dennis J. Lubojacky
Dennis J. Lubojacky

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

Table of Contents**Index to Exhibits**

| Exhibit | |
|---------|--|
| Number | Exhibit |
| 2.1 | Merger Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2013, between Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation (Noble-Swiss) and Noble Corporation Limited (Noble-UK) (filed as Exhibit 2.1 to Noble-Swiss Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 2.2 | Agreement and Plan of Merger, Reorganization and Consolidation, dated as of December 19, 2008, among Noble-Swiss, Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company (Noble-Cayman), and Noble Cayman Acquisition Ltd. (filed as Exhibit 1.1 to Noble-Cayman s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 2.3 | Amendment No. 1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger, Reorganization and Consolidation, dated as of February 4, 2009, among Noble-Swiss, Noble-Cayman and Noble Cayman Acquisition Ltd. (filed as Exhibit 2.2 to Noble-Cayman s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 4, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 3.1 | Articles of Association of Noble-Swiss (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Noble-Swiss Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on August 5, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 3.2 | By-laws of Noble-Swiss (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to Noble-Swiss Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 27, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 3.3 | Memorandum and Articles of Association of Noble-Cayman (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Noble-Cayman s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 30, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 4.1 | 364-Day Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of August 22, 2013 among Noble-Cayman; the Lenders from time to time parties thereto; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Swingline Lender; Barclays Bank PLC, Citibank, N.A., Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Co-Syndication Agents; and BNP Paribas, Credit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank, Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, Goldman Sachs Bank USA, HSBC Bank USA, N.A., SunTrust Bank and The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, LTD., as Co-Documentation agents (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Noble-Swiss and Noble-Cayman s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 22, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 4.2 | Guaranty Agreement dated as of August 22, 2013 between Noble Drilling Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Noble-Swiss and Noble-Cayman s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 22, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 4.3 | Guaranty Agreement dated as of August 22, 2013 between Noble Holding International Limited, a Cayman Islands company, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (filed as Exhibit 4.3 to Noble-Swiss and Noble-Cayman s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 22, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 31.1 | Certification of David W. Williams pursuant to the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a), for Noble-Swiss and for Noble-Cayman. |
| 31.2 | Certification of James A. MacLennan pursuant to the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Rule 13a- 14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a), for Noble-Swiss. |

Edgar Filing: Noble Corp / Switzerland - Form 10-Q

- 31.3 Certification of Dennis J. Lubojacky pursuant to the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Rule 13a- 14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a), for Noble-Cayman.
- 32.1+ Certification of David W. Williams pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, for Noble-Swiss and for Noble-Cayman.
- 32.2+ Certification of James A. MacLennan pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, for Noble-Swiss.
- 32.3+ Certification of Dennis J. Lubojacky pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, for Noble-Cayman.
- 101 Interactive Data File

* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

+ Furnished in accordance with Item 601(b)(32)(ii) of Regulation S-K.