

ADKINS DANNY W

Form 4

January 18, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

13135 SO. DAIRY
ASHFORD, SUITE 800

(Street)

SUGAR LAND, TX 77478

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NOBLE CORP [NE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/13/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Sr. VP - Operations

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Ordinary Shares	01/13/2005		A	26.4121 (1)	\$ 51.98 (1)	61,183.7675 (2)	D
Ordinary Shares					1,561.4046 (3)	I	By Trust
Ordinary Shares					8 (4)	I	By Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following the Reported Transaction (Instr. 10)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Danny W.
Adkins 01/13/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents 26,4121 shares related to phantom stock units allocated to the Reporting Person under the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Restoration Plan, which units are payable to the Reporting Person solely in Ordinary Shares upon any distribution of such units from such plan.

(2) Includes 24,119,7675 shares related to phantom stock units allocated to the Reporting Person under the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Restoration Plan, which units are payable to the Reporting Person solely in Ordinary Shares upon any distribution of such units from such plan. Shares allocated under such plan were previously held in a rabbi trust and previously reported as "indirectly" owned by the Reporting Person.

(3) Shares are held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan Trust.

(4) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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