

NOBLE CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**JACKSON MARK A**

(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

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

**08/01/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

**Sr. VP - COO, CFO, Treasurer**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ordinary<br>Shares                    | 08/01/2005                              |                                                             | M                                    | 5,000                                                                   | A \$ 31.2                                                                                                          | 5,000                                                                   | D                                                                 |
| Ordinary<br>Shares                    | 08/01/2005                              |                                                             | S                                    | 5,000                                                                   | D \$ 68.0156                                                                                                       | 0                                                                       | D                                                                 |
| Ordinary<br>Shares                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 109,461                                                                 | D                                                                 |
| Ordinary<br>Shares                    |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    | 472,2524 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                 | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option -<br>Right to<br>Buy    | \$ 31.2                                                            | 08/01/2005                              |                                                             | M                                    | 5,000                                                                                                           | <u>(2)</u> 07/25/2012                                          | Ordinary<br>Shares                                                     | 5,000                                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                 | Relationships                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| JACKSON MARK A<br>13135 SO. DAIRY ASHFORD<br>SUITE 800<br>SUGAR LAND, TX 77478 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other<br>Sr. VP - COO, CFO, Treasurer |

## Signatures

/s/ Mark A.  
Jackson 08/01/2005

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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

(2) Represents option to purchase 5,000 shares of the 75,000 shares granted on 7/25/02 with a vesting schedule of 25,000 shares on 7/25/03; 25,000 shares on 7/25/04; and 25,000 shares on 7/25/05.

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