NOBLE INTERNATIONAL, LTD. Form 8-K February 23, 2006

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

## **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 23, 2006

# NOBLE INTERNATIONAL, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction 001-13581 (Commission File Number) 38-3139487 (IRS Employer

**Identification No.)** 

of incorporation)

28213 Van Dyke Avenue, Warren, MI 48093

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (586) 751-5600

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

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officer; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On February 23, 2006, Noble International, Ltd. announced that Christopher L. Morin, the Company s Chief Executive Officer has elected to resign from the Company in order to explore other career opportunities. A copy of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K. In connection with Mr. Morin s departure, the Company and Mr. Morin have entered into a Severance and Release Agreement, dated February 22, 2006 (the Severance and Release Agreement ), pursuant to which, among other things, the parties terminated Mr. Morin s Employment Agreement, dated January 1, 2005, and the Company agreed to pay Mr. Morin severance in the amount of approximately \$450,000. The foregoing description of the Severance and Release Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Severance and Release Agreement included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) <u>Exhibits</u>. The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:
  - 99.1 Press Release
  - 99.2 Noble International, Ltd. Severance and Release Agreement.

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#### SIGNATURE

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

NOBLE INTERNATIONAL, LTD., a Delaware corporation (Registrant)

Date: February 23, 2006

By: /s/ Michael C. Azar Michael C. Azar Secretary and General Counsel

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