

DAY JAMES C  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DAY JAMES C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
13135 SO. DAIRY  
ASHFORD, SUITE 800  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/30/2004

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman & CEO

SUGAR LAND, TX 77478  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 11/30/2004                           |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | V   | 659.58 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A  | \$ 44.22 <sup>(1)</sup>                    |
| Ordinary Shares                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 30,995.994 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I  | By Trust <sup>(2)</sup>                    |
| Ordinary Shares                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 310,324   | D  |  |

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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ James C. Day                      11/30/2004

\_\_Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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

(1) Represents 329.79 Ordinary Shares to be allocated in December 2004 and 329.79 Ordinary Shares to be allocated in January 2005 to the Reporting Person and held in a trust established under the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Restoration Plan. At the request of the Reporting Person, such shares are allocated in lieu of a portion of the salary of the Reporting Person. The price of such shares was calculated as the average closing price of the Ordinary Shares during the last fifteen trading days of the prior quarter.

(2) 7,775.3193 shares are held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan Trust and 23,220.675 shares (including those to be allocated in December 2004 and January 2005 to the Reporting Person -- see (1) above) are held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Restoration Plan Trust.

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