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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Rep DAY JAMES C	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	NOBLE CORP [NE] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)				
13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD, SUITE 800		(Month/Day/Year) 04/20/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specification) below) Chairman & CEO				
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
SUGAR LAND, TX 77	478		Form filed by More than One Reporting				

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table l	I - Non-I	Derivative Securities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of	2. Transact	ion Date 2A Deer	med	3	4 Securities Acquired	5 Amount of	6	7 Natur

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Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
ORDINARY SHARES	04/20/2006		F		D	\$ 84.38	403,843	D	
ORDINARY SHARES							7,954.1924 (1)	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)

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				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DAY JAMES C 13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 800 SUGAR LAND, TX 77478

X Chairman & CEO

Relationships

Signatures

/s/ James C. Day 04/24/2006

**Signature of 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 held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan Trust.

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