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UNITED STATES 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): March 28, 2011

NOBLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Switzerland 000-53604 98-0619597
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission file number) (I.R.S. employer

incorporation or organization)

identification number)

Dorfstrasse 19A Baar, Switzerland

6340

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 41 (41) 761-65-55 NOBLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands 001-31306 98-0366361

(State or other jurisdiction of identification number) (I.R.S. employer incorporation or organization) identification number)

Suite 3D, Landmark Square

64 Earth Close

KY-1 1206

(Zip code)

P.O. Box 31327 Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, BWI

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (345) 938-0293

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Explanatory Note

This combined filing on Form 8-K is separately filed by Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation (Noble-Swiss), and Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company (Noble-Cayman). Information in this filing relating to Noble-Cayman is filed by Noble-Swiss and separately by Noble-Cayman on its own behalf. Noble-Cayman makes no representation as to information relating to Noble-Swiss (except as it may relate to Noble-Cayman) or any other affiliate or subsidiary of Noble-Swiss. This report should be read in its entirety as it pertains to each of Noble-Swiss and Noble-Cayman. References to Noble mean Noble-Swiss and its consolidated subsidiaries, including Noble-Cayman.

ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Noble is furnishing certain presentation materials as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. These materials will be used by Noble s management at the Howard Weil Energy Conference held on March 27-31, 2011. The presentation is being furnished in accordance with Rule 101 (e) (1) under Regulation FD and shall not be deemed to be filed.

Statements regarding cost estimates or guidance, backlog, rig demand, fleet condition or performance, timing of delivery of newbuilds, contract commitments, dayrates, contract commencements, contract extensions or renewals, industry fundamentals, customer relationships, future performance, growth opportunities, market outlook, as well as any other statements that are not historical facts in this Current Report, including the related presentation materials, are forward-looking statements that involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to market conditions, operating hazards and delays, risks associated with operations outside of the U.S., actions by regulatory authorities, customers and other third parties, legislation and regulations affecting drilling operations, compliance with regulatory requirements, costs and difficulties relating to the integration of acquired businesses, factors affecting the level of activity in the oil and gas industry, supply and demand of drilling rigs, factors affecting the duration of contracts, delays in the construction of newbuilds, the actual amount of downtime, factors that reduce applicable dayrates, violations of anti-corruption laws, hurricanes and other weather conditions and other factors detailed in Noble s most recent Form 10-K, Form 10-Q s and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those indicated.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Noble Corporation Howard Weil Energy Conference Presentation Slides.

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SIGNATURES

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

Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation

Date: March 28, 2011

By: /s/ Thomas L. Mitchell

Thomas L. Mitchell Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company

By: /s/ Alan R. Hay

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