

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

**FORM 4**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

**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**

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Form 4 or Form 5  
obligations may continue.  
*See Instruction 1(b).*

<p><b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b></p> <p>DAY, JAMES C.</p> <hr/> <p><i>(Last) (First) (Middle)</i></p> <p>13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD, SUITE 800</p> <hr/> <p><i>(Street)</i></p> <p>SUGARLAND, TX 77478</p> <hr/> <p><i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i></p>	<p><b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b></p> <p>NOBLE CORPORATION (NYSE:NE)</p> <hr/> <p><b>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</b></p> <p>APRIL 16, 2003</p> <hr/> <p><b>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director    <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i></p> <p>Chairman of the board and Chief Executive Officer</p>	<p><b>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)</b></p> <p>444-42-2293</p> <hr/> <p><b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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

1. Title of Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>
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			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
ORDINARY SHARES	4/16/03		A	92	A	\$32.46	24,103	I	By Trust (1)

ORDINARY SHARES							231,302	D	
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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 <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	4. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	
					(A)	(D)
				Code V		

**Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned Continued**  
(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	8. Price of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 5)</i>	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Amount represents matching by issuer of 92 shares to the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Restoration Plan. Of the shares by the Reporting Person 7,692 shares were held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan Trust and 16,411 shares were held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Restoration Plan Trust. The price of the 92 shares was calculated in accordance with the Plan as the average closing price of the Ordinary Shares during the last five trading days of the month in respect of which such match was made (March 2003)

James C. Day	04/16/03
_____ **Signature of Reporting Person	_____ Date
_____ Julie J. Robertson By Power of Attorney dated January 7, 2000	

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

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

