

JACKSON MARK A

Form 4

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FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JACKSON MARK A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

13135 SOUTH DAIRY
ASHFORD, SUITE 800

(Street)

SUGAR LAND, TX 77478

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
Pres.CEO,COO & Asst Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Ordinary Shares	12/20/2006		M	4,271	A	\$ 37.56	4,271 D
Ordinary Shares	12/20/2006		S	4,271	D	\$ 78.46	0 D
Ordinary Shares							117,820 D
Ordinary Shares						600.5205 ⁽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)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 37.56	12/20/2006		M	4,271	(2) 04/20/2014	Ordinary Shares	4,271

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JACKSON MARK A 13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 800 SUGAR LAND, TX 77478	X		Pres.CEO,COO & Asst Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ Mark A.
Jackson

12/21/2006

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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* 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.

(2) Represents option to purchase 4,271 shares of the 18,407 shares granted on 4/20/04 with a vesting schedule of 6,135 shares on 4/20/05; 6,136 shares on 4/20/06; and 6,136 shares on 4/20/07.

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