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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 Reporting Person \*  
CAMPBELL ROBERT D

(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)  
12/06/2007

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)  
Sr. VP & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 12/06/2007                           |  | M                              | 110,000 A \$ 21.205   | 110,000   | D  |   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 12/06/2007                           |  | S                              | 110,000 D \$ 53.8891  | 0   | D  |   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 12/06/2007                           |  | M                              | 130,000 A \$ 15.55  | 130,000   | D  |   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 12/06/2007                           |  | S                              | 130,000 D \$ 53.8891  | 0   | D  |   |
| Ordinary Shares                 | 12/06/2007                           |  | M                              | 170,000 A \$ 15.6   | 170,000   | D  |   |

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|                 |            |   |         |   |            |                               |   |          |
|-----------------|------------|---|---------|---|------------|-------------------------------|---|----------|
| Ordinary Shares | 12/06/2007 | S | 170,000 | D | \$ 53.8891 | 0                             | D |          |
| Ordinary Shares | 12/06/2007 | M | 8,092   | A | \$ 18.78   | 8,092                         | D |          |
| Ordinary Shares | 12/06/2007 | S | 8,092   | D | \$ 53.8891 | 0                             | D |          |
| Ordinary Shares | 12/06/2007 | M | 12,400  | A | \$ 26.46   | 12,400                        | D |          |
| Ordinary Shares | 12/06/2007 | S | 12,400  | D | \$ 53.8891 | 0                             | D |          |
| Ordinary Shares | 12/06/2007 | M | 2,092   | A | \$ 37.925  | 2,092                         | D |          |
| Ordinary Shares | 12/06/2007 | S | 2,092   | D | \$ 53.8891 | 0                             | D |          |
| Ordinary Shares |            |   |         |   |            | 92,350 <sup>(1)</sup>         | D |          |
| Ordinary Shares |            |   |         |   |            | 2,709,5659 <sup>(1) (2)</sup> | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount of Number of Shares                              |
| Employee Stock Option Right to Buy         | \$ 21.205  | 12/06/2007                           |  | M                              | 110,000   | <u>(3)</u> (9) 10/26/2010                                | Ordinary Shares 110,000                                       |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 15.55   | 12/06/2007                           |  | M                              | 130,000   | <u>(4)</u> (9) 07/26/2011                                | Ordinary Shares 130,000                                       |

|                       |           |            |   |         |        |            |                 |         |  |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|---|---------|--------|------------|-----------------|---------|--|
| Right to Buy          |           |            |   |         |        |            |                 |         |  |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 15.6   | 12/06/2007 | M | 170,000 | (5)(9) | 07/25/2012 | Ordinary Shares | 170,000 |  |
| Right to Buy          |           |            |   |         |        |            |                 |         |  |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 18.78  | 12/06/2007 | M | 8,092   | (6)(9) | 04/20/2014 | Ordinary Shares | 8,092   |  |
| Right to Buy          |           |            |   |         |        |            |                 |         |  |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 26.46  | 12/06/2007 | M | 12,400  | (7)(9) | 04/27/2015 | Ordinary Shares | 12,400  |  |
| Right to Buy          |           |            |   |         |        |            |                 |         |  |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 37.925 | 12/06/2007 | M | 2,092   | (8)(9) | 02/02/2016 | Ordinary Shares | 2,092   |  |
| Right to Buy          |           |            |   |         |        |            |                 |         |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| CAMPBELL ROBERT D<br>13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD<br>SUITE 800<br>SUGAR LAND, TX 77478 |               |           | Sr. VP & General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Robert D. Campbell  
12/07/2007

\_\_Signature of Reporting 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) Amount reflects a two-for-one split of the Company's ordinary shares effected in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend and paid on August 28, 2007.
  - (2) Shares held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan Trust.
  - (3) Represents option to purchase 110,000 shares of the 130,000 shares granted on 10/26/00 with a vesting schedule of 43,333 shares on 10/26/01; 43,333 shares on 10/26/02; and 43,334 shares on 10/26/03.

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- (4) Represents option to purchase 130,000 shares of the 130,000 shares granted on 7/26/01 with a vesting schedule of 43,333 shares on 7/26/02; 43,333 shares on 7/26/03; and 43,334 shares on 7/26/04.
- (5) Represents option to purchase 170,000 shares of the 170,000 shares granted on 7/25/02 with a vesting schedule of 56,666 shares on 7/25/03; 56,667 shares on 7/25/04; and 56,667 shares on 7/25/05.
- (6) Represents option to purchase 8,092 shares of the 8,092 shares granted on 4/20/04 with a vesting schedule of 2,697 shares on 4/20/05; 2,697 shares on 4/20/06; and 2,698 shares on 4/20/07.
- (7) Represents option to purchase 12,400 shares of the 18,600 shares granted on 4/27/05 with a vesting schedule of 6,200 shares on 4/27/06; 6,200 shares on 4/27/07; and 6,200 shares on 4/27/08.
- (8) Represents option to purchase 2,092 shares of the 6,278 shares granted on 2/2/06 with a vesting schedule of 2,092 shares on 2/2/07; 2,093 shares on 2/2/08; and 2,093 shares on 2/2/09.
- (9) All amounts reflect a two-for-one split of the Company's ordinary shares effected in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend and paid on August 28, 2007.

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