

NOBLE CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ROBERTSON JULIE J**

(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)  
12/19/2007

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)  
EVP and Corporate Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Ordinary Shares	12/19/2007		M		90,000 A \$ 14.155	427,916	D
Ordinary Shares	12/19/2007		S		48,800 D \$ 51.5068	379,116 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Ordinary Shares						6,085.7809 <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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 14.155	12/19/2007		M	90,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 01/28/2008	Ordinary Shares	90,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROBERTSON JULIE J 13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 800 SUGAR LAND, TX 77478			EVP and Corporate Secretary	

## Signatures

/s/ Julie J. Robertson  
Date: 12/20/2007

\*\*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) 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.
- (2) Shares held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan Trust  
Represents option to purchase 90,000 shares of the 90,000 shares granted on 1/28/98 with a vesting schedule of 30,000 on 1/28/99;
- (3) 30,000 1/28/00; and 30,000 on 1/28/01. 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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