

Noble Corp plc
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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 *
WILLIAMS DAVID W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

13135 S. DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE
800

(Street)

SUGAR LAND, TX 77478

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Noble Corp plc [NE]

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

02/02/2017

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)

Chairman, President and CEO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Shares	02/02/2017		A	V	123,612	A	\$ 0	896,664	D
Shares	02/02/2017		F		51,116	D	\$ 6.885	845,548	D

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)

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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)
Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units (1) (2)	\$ 0	02/02/2017		D	245,520	(1)(2) / (1)(2)	Shares 245,520
Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units (3)	\$ 0	02/03/2017		A	732,910	(3) / (3)	Shares 732,910
Restricted Stock Units (4)	\$ 0	02/03/2017		A	366,455	(5) / (5)	Shares 366,455

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIAMS DAVID W 13135 S. DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 800 SUGAR LAND, TX 77478	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Julie J. Robertson By Power of Attorney dated August 1, 2011 02/06/2017

*_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) Represents performance based restricted share units awarded on January 29, 2014 relating to a three-year performance cycle (2014-2016). Based on performance at the end of the performance cycle, 123,612 shares vested and 121,908 shares were forfeited.
- (2) Total share amount reflects an adjustment to outstanding awards as a result of the spin-off of Paragon Offshore plc. The number of shares awarded prior to the spin-off have been increased to provide awardee with substantially equivalent economic value after the spin-off.
- (3) Each performance vested restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share. Performance vested restricted stock units vest upon the company achieving total shareholder return and contract drilling margin goals over a three year performance cycle (2017-2019) relative to a specified peer group.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest and settle in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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