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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (date of earliest event reported): February 4, 2013

NOBLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Switzerland (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation or organization)

000-53604 (Commission 98-0619597 (I.R.S. employer

file number)

identification number)

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Dorfstrasse 19A

Baar, Switzerland (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 41 (41) 761-65-55 6340 (Zip code)

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 4, 2013, Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation (the Company), announced that the Company s board of directors will recommend that shareholders approve an increase in the Company s dividend for the 2013-2014 dividend cycle.

A copy of the Company s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBITNUMBERDESCRIPTION99.1Press Release dated February 4, 2013.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 4, 2013

Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation

By: /s/ James A. MacLennan James A. MacLennan Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBITDESCRIPTION99.1Press Release dated February 4, 2013.