

Noble Corp plc  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Wolford Bernie G.

(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)  
01/29/2015

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-Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting 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) |                       |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |                       |   |
| Shares                          | 01/29/2015                           |  | A                              | V   | 10,702  | A  | \$ 0                              | 33,513 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Shares                          | 01/29/2015                           |  | F                              |   | 3,161   | D  | \$ 15.73                          | 30,352                | D |
| Shares                          | 02/01/2015                           |  | A                              |   | 8,338   | A  | \$ 0                              | 38,690                | D |
| Shares                          | 02/01/2015                           |  | F                              |   | 2,271   | D  | \$ 15.73                          | 36,419                | 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)

| 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) |                 |                          |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | V   | (A)                                     | (D)  | Date Exercisable |   | Expiration Date | Title                    |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | 01/29/2015                           |  | A                              |   | 48,633                                  |  | <sup>(3)</sup>   | <sup>(3)</sup>  | Shares          | 48,633                   |
| Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units  | \$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    | 01/29/2015                           |  | A                              |   | 97,266                                  |  | <sup>(4)</sup>   | <sup>(4)</sup>  | Shares          | 97,266                   |
| Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units  | \$ 0   | 01/29/2015                           |  | D                              |   | 30,206<br><sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup> |  | <sup>(6)</sup>   | <sup>(6)</sup>  | Shares          | 30,206<br><sup>(5)</sup> |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 01/29/2015                           |  | D                              |   | 10,702<br><sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(7)</sup> |  | <sup>(3)</sup>   | <sup>(3)</sup>  | Shares          | 10,702<br><sup>(5)</sup> |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0   | 02/01/2015                           |  | D                              |   | 8,338<br><sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(8)</sup>  |  | <sup>(3)</sup>   | <sup>(3)</sup>  | Shares          | 8,338<br><sup>(5)</sup>  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Wolford Bernie G.<br>13135 S. DAIRY ASHFORD<br>SUITE 800<br>SUGAR LAND, TX 77478 |               |           | Sr. VP-Operations |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Julie J. Robertson By Power of Attorney dated January 31, 2012

02/02/2015

\*\*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).

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- (1) Includes 110 shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment under the 1991 Plan and 302 shares that were inherited.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest and settle in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.  
Each performance vested restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share. Performance vested restricted stock units
- (4) vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2015-2017) relative to a specified peer group.
- (5) Total share amount reflects an adjustment resulting from 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.
- (6) Represents performance based restricted share units awarded on February 3, 2012. Shares underlying this award have been fully forfeited.
- (7) Represents the first of three vesting events for restricted stock units awarded on January 29, 2014.
- (8) Represents the second of three vesting events for restricted stock units awarded on February 1, 2013.

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