

ADKINS DANNY W
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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 *
ADKINS DANNY W

(Last) (First) (Middle)
13135 SO. 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)
04/29/2005

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 - Operation

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)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Ordinary Shares	04/29/2005		A		9,000	A	\$ 0	0	D	
Ordinary Shares	04/29/2005		A		13,800	A	\$ 0	74,033.875 (1)	D	
Ordinary Shares								1,613.7239 (2)	I	By Trust

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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)	8. D	9. S	10. (I	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 51.55	04/29/2005		A		17,000		(3)	04/29/2015	Ordinary Shares	17,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADKINS DANNY W 13135 SO. DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 800 SUGAR LAND, TX 77478			Sr. VP - Operation	

Signatures

/s/ Danny W.
Adkins
04/29/2005
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Includes 24,123.8750 shares related to phantom stock units allocated to the Reporting Person under the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Restoration Plan, which units are payable to the Reporting Person in Ordinary Shares or cash upon any distribution of such units from such plan. Also includes 9,000 ordinary shares granted as Time Vested Restricted Stock and 13,800 ordinary shares granted as Performance Vested Restricted Stock.
 - (2) Shares are held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan Trust.
 - (3) Represents option to purchase 17,000 shares with a vesting schedule of 5,666 shares on 4/29/06; 5,667 shares on 4/29/07; and 5,667 shares on 4/29/08.

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