

NOBLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2009

**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): March 17, 2009  
NOBLE CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**CAYMAN ISLANDS**

**001-31306**

**98-0366361**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

(Commission File  
Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**13135 South Dairy Ashford, Suite 800  
Sugar Land, Texas**

**77478**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(281) 276-6100**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 17, 2009, Noble Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it received the necessary shareholder approval to complete the previously announced merger, reorganization and consolidation transaction by way of schemes of arrangement under Cayman Islands law that would effectively change the place of incorporation of the parent holding company of the Noble group of companies from the Cayman Islands to Switzerland (the Transaction). A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

The statements made herein and in the press release incorporated by reference herein regarding the consummation of the Transaction, the timing thereof, listing on the New York Stock Exchange and other statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements are subject to numerous risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including but not limited to, an inability to realize expected benefits from the Transaction or the occurrence of difficulties in connection with the Transaction, any unanticipated costs in connection with the Transaction, worldwide demand for oil and gas, oil and gas prices, the level of activity in offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production, exploration success by producers, competition and market conditions in the offshore contract drilling industry, the ability to enter into and the terms of future drilling contracts, risks of international operations and compliance with foreign laws, political and other uncertainties inherent in non-U.S. operations, including exchange and currency fluctuations, the impact of governmental laws and regulations, the adequacy of sources of liquidity, changes in the tax laws, the effect of litigation and contingencies, fluctuations in the value of the Company's shares and other factors discussed in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on February 11, 2009, the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the Company's other filings with the SEC, which are available free of charge on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those indicated. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Press Release dated March 17, 2009

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**SIGNATURES**

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

NOBLE CORPORATION

Date: March 17, 2009

By: /s/ Thomas L. Mitchell  
Thomas L. Mitchell  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer, Treasurer and  
Controller

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