

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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MACLENNAN JAMES A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
DEVONSHIRE HOUSE, 1  
MAYFAIR PLACE  
(Street)

LONDON ENGLAND W1J8AJ

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/29/2014

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-CFO & Controller

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount  | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. I |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|------|
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| (Instr. 3)   | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | (In |                     |                    |        |                                     |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
|  |                                    |                  | Code       | V  | (A)              | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Restricted<br>Stock Units                          | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                | 01/29/2014       | A          |  | 29,809           |     | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(2)</u>         | Shares | 29,809                              |
| Performance<br>Vested<br>Restricted<br>Stock Units | \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>                | 01/29/2014       | A          |  | 59,618           |     | <u>(3)</u>          | <u>(3)</u>         | Shares | 59,618                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships                             |
|---|---|
|   | Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other |
| MACLENNAN JAMES A<br>DEVONSHIRE HOUSE<br>1 MAYFAIR PLACE<br>LONDON ENGLAND W1J8AJ | Sr. VP-CFO & Controller                   |

## Signatures

/s/ Julie J. Robertson by Power of Attorney Dated January 6,  
2012 01/30/2014

\_\_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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share.

(2) 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  
(3) vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2014-2016) relative to a specified peer group.

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