

NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD  
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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 \*  
 PAYNE JAMES L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD  
 [NBR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/09/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O NABORS CORPORATE SERVICES, 515 WEST GREENS ROAD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77067

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 06/09/2008                           | 06/09/2008   | M                              |   | 46,668 A \$ 19.375  | 113,768  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 06/09/2008                           | 06/09/2008   | M                              |   | 45,000 A \$ 22.775  | 158,768  | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 06/09/2008                           | 06/09/2008   | S                              |   | 91,668 D \$ 44.8789   | 67,100   | 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 19.375  | 06/09/2008                           | 06/09/2008   | M                              | 46,668  | 02/20/2004   | 02/20/2013  | Common Stock | 46,668                     |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$ 22.775  | 06/09/2008                           | 06/09/2008   | M                              | 45,000  | 12/04/2001   | 12/04/2010  | Common Stock | 45,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PAYNE JAMES L  
C/O NABORS CORPORATE SERVICES  
515 WEST GREENS ROAD  
HOUSTON, TX 77067

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## Signatures

Lisa Wysocki by Power of Attorney for James L Payne

06/10/2008

\_\_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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