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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Noble Corp / Switzerland [NE] A Ahlstrom Lee Michael (Month/Day/Year) 04/29/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 8518 WYNDHAM COURT (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person HOUSTON, TXÂ 77040 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Sr. VP - Strategic Development Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Shares $29,405 \frac{(1)}{2}$ Shares 216.5429 I By Trust (2) Shares 133.1952 Ι By Trust (3) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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		Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable		Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options	(4)	02/13/2017	Shares	3,814	\$ 35.79	D	Â
Stock Options	(5)	02/07/2018	Shares	3,600	\$ 43.01	D	Â
Stock Options	(6)	02/25/2019	Shares	6,893	\$ 24.66	D	Â
Stock Options	(7)	02/06/2020	Shares	3,655	\$ 39.46	D	Â
Stock Options	(8)	02/04/2021	Shares	4,528	\$ 37.71	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(10)	(10)	Shares	2,028	\$ 0 (9)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(11)	(11)	Shares	3,182	\$ 0 (9)	D	Â
Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units	(12)	(12)	Shares	6,010	\$ 0 (12)	D	Â
Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units	(13)	(13)	Shares	7,134	\$ 0 (13)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Ahlstrom Lee Michael 8518 WYNDHAM COURT HOUSTON Â TXÂ 77040	Â	Â	Sr. VP - Strategic Development	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Julie J. Robertson By Power of Attorney Dated May 3, 2011

05/06/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 1,622 shares awarded as Time Vested Restricted Stock and 13,183 shares awarded as Performance Vested Restricted Stock
- (2) Shares held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan
- (3) Shares held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Restoration Plan
- (4) The stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversay of the grant date; 1,271 exercisable on 2/13/2008, 1,271 exercisable on 2/13/2010
- (5) The stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversay of the grant date; 1,200 exercisable on 2/7/2009, 1,200 exercisable on 2/7/2011
- The stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversay of the grant date; 2,297 exercisable on 2/25/2010, 2,298 exercisable on 2/25/2012

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The stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversay of the grant date; 1,218 exercisable on 2/6/2011, 1,218 exercisable on 2/6/2013

- The stock options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversay of the grant date; 1,509 exercisable on 2/4/2012, 1,509 exercisable on 2/4/2014
- (9) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share
- (10) The restricted stock units vest and settle as follows: 1,014 vest on 2/6/2012, 1,014 vest on 2/6/2013
- (11) The restricted stock units vest and settle as follows: 1,060 vest on 2/4/2012, 1,061 vest on 2/4/2013, 1,061 vest on 2/4/2014
 - Each Performance Vested Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share. Performance Vested Restricted Stock
- (12) Units vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2010-2012) relative to a specified peer group(s). Grant date was 2/6/2010
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- (13) Units vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2011-2013) relative to a specified peer group(s). Grant date was 2/4/2011

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