

Noble Corp plc
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FORM 4

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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 *
WILLIAMS DAVID W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**DEVONSHIRE HOUSE 1
MAYFAIR PLACE**

(Street)

LONDON, X0 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)
Chairman, President, and CEO

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			
Shares	01/29/2014		A	V Amount \$ 0	351,390	D	
Shares	01/29/2014		F	22,055 D \$ 31.87	329,335	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)

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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
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	01/29/2014		A	101,977	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Shares	101,977
Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	01/29/2014		A	203,954	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Shares	203,954
Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	01/29/2014		D	142,688	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Shares	142,688

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILLIAMS DAVID W DEVONSHIRE HOUSE 1 MAYFAIR PLACE LONDON, X0 W1J8AJ	X		Chairman, President, and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Julie J. Robertson By Power of Attorney dated August 1, 2011 01/31/2014

__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.

(3) Each performance vested restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share. Performance vested restricted stock units vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2014-2016) relative to a specified peer group.

(4) Represents performance based restricted share units awarded on February 4, 2011 relating to a three-year performance cycle (2011-2013). Based on performance at the end of the performance cycle, 64,694 shares underlying this award vested and 77,994 shares underlying this award were forfeited.

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