

NOBLE DRILLING CORP
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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): April 24, 2002

NOBLE DRILLING CORPORATION
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State of incorporation)

0-13857
(Commission file number)

73-0374
(I.R.S. employer iden

13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD, SUITE 800
SUGAR LAND, TEXAS
(Address of principal executive offices)

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REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (281) 276-6100

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Noble Drilling Corporation Press Release dated April 24, 2002, announcing the financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2002.

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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference into this Item 9 the information set forth in its press release dated April 24, 2002, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and will be published on the Registrant's web site at <http://www.noblecorp.com>. The press release is being furnished in accordance with Rule 101(e)(1) under Regulation FD and shall not be deemed to be filed.

The press release contains forward-looking statements about the Registrant's business, financial condition and prospects. The Registrant's actual results could differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements because of various risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, volatility in crude oil and natural gas prices, the discovery of significant additional oil and/or gas reserves or the construction of significant oil and/or gas delivery or storage systems that impact regional or worldwide energy markets, potential deterioration in the demand for the drilling services of the Registrant and resulting declining dayrates, changes in our customers' drilling programs or budgets, the cancellation by customers of the Registrant of drilling contracts or letter agreements or letters of intent for drilling contracts or their exercise of early termination provisions generally found in the Registrant's drilling contracts, intense competition in the drilling industry, changes in oil and gas drilling technology or in our competitors' drilling rig fleets that could make our drilling rigs less competitive or require major capital investment to keep them competitive, political and economic conditions in the United States and in international markets where the Registrant operates, acts of war or terrorism and the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, cost overruns or delays on shipyard repair, maintenance, conversion or upgrade projects, adverse weather (such as hurricanes) and seas, operational risks (such as blowouts and fires), limitations on the Registrant's insurance coverage, and requirements and potential liability imposed by governmental regulation of the drilling industry (including environmental regulation). All of the foregoing risks and uncertainties are beyond the Registrant's ability to control, and in many cases, the Registrant cannot predict the risks and uncertainties that could cause its actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements. When used in the press release, the words "believes", "anticipates", "expects", "plans" and similar expressions as they relate to the Registrant or its management are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

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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 DRILLING CORPORATION

Date: April 24, 2002

By: /s/ MARK A. JACKSON

Mark A. Jackson,
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer (Principal
Financial and Accounting Officer)

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