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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K/A
AMENDMENT NO. 1

☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (NO FEE REQUIRED)

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (NO FEE REQUIRED)

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 0-13857

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

CAYMAN ISLANDS
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

98-0366361
(I.R.S. employer identification number)

13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD, SUITE 800, SUGAR LAND, TEXAS 77478

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

ORDINARY SHARES, PAR VALUE \$.10 PER SHARE
PREFERRED SHARE PURCHASE RIGHTS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
NONE

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained,

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to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [X]

Aggregate market value of Common Stock of Noble Drilling Corporation held by nonaffiliates as of January 31, 2002: \$4,200,000,000

Number of shares of Common Stock of Noble Drilling Corporation outstanding as of January 31, 2001: 132,083,096

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Listed below are documents parts of which are incorporated herein by reference and the part of this report into which the document is incorporated:

(1) Proxy statement for the 2002 annual meeting of stockholders of Noble Drilling Corporation - Part III

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 1 to Annual Report on Form 10-K is being filed by Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands exempted company limited by shares ("Noble-Cayman"), as successor issuer to Noble Drilling Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Noble-Delaware"), pursuant to Rule 15d-5 promulgated under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Pursuant to a corporate reorganization (the "Reorganization") that became effective on April 30, 2002, Noble-Delaware became an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Noble-Cayman. In the merger, each person holding shares of Noble-Delaware common stock (and related preferred stock purchase rights) immediately before the merger received one ordinary share, par value US\$.10 per share ("Ordinary Shares"), of Noble-Cayman (and related preferred share purchase right) for each share of Noble-Delaware common stock (and related preferred stock purchase right) held by such person.

This Amendment No. 1 to Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 (the "2001 Form 10-K") is being filed for the following purposes:

- (1) To file the financial statements required by Form 11-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 with respect to the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan (formerly the Noble Drilling Corporation Thrift Plan) as Exhibit 99.1.
- (2) To amend Item 14 of the 2001 Form 10-K to reflect the filing herewith of new Exhibit 99.1. Item 14 is restated as set forth below.
- (3) To restate in its entirety the Index to Exhibits to the 2001 Form 10-K as set forth following the signature page, in order to reflect the inclusion therein, and the filing herewith, of new Exhibit 99.1.

Pursuant to the Reorganization, Ordinary Shares will henceforth be issuable under the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan in lieu of common stock of Noble-Delaware, but Noble-Delaware will continue to sponsor the Plan. The 2001 Form 10-K is not being updated by this Amendment No. 1, except as specifically enumerated above. All references in this Amendment No. 1 to "the

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Registrant" in connection with dates preceding the Reorganization are references to Noble-Delaware.

ITEM 14. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this report:

(1) A list of the financial statements filed as a part of this report is set forth in Item 8 on page 23 of the 2001 Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

(2) Financial Statement Schedules:

All schedules are omitted because they are either not applicable or required information is shown in the financial statements or notes thereto.

(3) Exhibits:

The information required by this Item 14(a)(3) is set forth in the Index to Exhibits accompanying this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

(4) Financial Statements required by Form 11-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, with respect to the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan are filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

The Registrant furnished a Form 8-K on October 25, 2001, which included its press release dated October 25, 2001 as Exhibit 99.1, announcing financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2001.

The Registrant furnished a Form 8-K on December 19, 2001, which included its Fleet Status Update as of December 19, 2001 as Exhibit 99.1.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NOBLE CORPORATION

Date: June 26, 2002

By: /s/ ROBERT D. CAMPBELL

Robert D. Campbell, President

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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EXHIBIT NUMBER -----	EXHIBIT -----
2.1	Agreement of Sale and Purchase dated as of April 25, 1996 between the Registrant and Royal Nedlloyd N.V. and Neddrill Holding B.V. (filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-2927) and incorporated herein by reference).
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant dated August 29, 1985 (filed as Exhibit 3.7 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 10 (No. 0-13857) and incorporated herein by reference).
3.2	Certificate of Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant dated May 5, 1987 (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 33-67130) and incorporated herein by reference).
3.3	Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant dated July 31, 1991 (filed as Exhibit 3.16 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1991 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.4	Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant dated September 15, 1994 (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended March 31, 1995 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.5	Certificate of Designations of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the Registrant dated as of June 29, 1995 (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended June 30, 1995 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.6	Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Designations of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of Registrant dated September 5, 1997 (filed as Exhibit 3.6 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.7	Composite copy of the Bylaws of the Registrant as currently in effect (filed as Exhibit 3.7 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.1	Indenture dated as of March 1, 1999, between Noble Drilling Corporation and Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, as trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Form 8-K dated March 22, 1999 (date of event: March 1, 1999) and incorporated herein by reference).
4.2	Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 16, 1999, between Noble Drilling Corporation and Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, as trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Form 8-K dated March 22, 1999 (date of event: March 1, 1999) and incorporated herein by reference).
4.3	Rights Agreement dated as of June 28, 1995 between the Registrant and Liberty Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City, N.A. (filed as Exhibit 4 to the Registrant's Form 8-K dated June 29, 1995 (date of event: June

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28, 1995) and incorporated herein by reference).

- 4.4 Amendment No. 1 to Rights Agreement, dated September 3, 1997, between Noble Drilling Corporation and Liberty Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City, N.A. (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Form 8-A/A (Amendment No. 1) dated September 3, 1997 and incorporated herein by reference).

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- 4.5+ Amendment No. 2 to Rights Agreement, dated February 5, 2002, between Noble Drilling Corporation and Bank One Trust Company, N.A., as successor to Liberty Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City, N.A.
- 4.6+ Consent and Agreement dated December 20, 2001 by and among Noble Drilling (Paul Romano) Inc., Noble Drilling Corporation and the Noteholders a party hereto.
- 4.7 Note Purchase Agreement dated as of September 24, 1998, by and among Noble Drilling (Paul Romano) Inc. and each of the note purchasers thereunder. Each note purchaser has entered into a separate Note Purchase Agreement, which agreements are substantially identical in all material respects, except for the principal amount of notes to be purchased. A schedule identifying each of the note purchasers that entered into a Note Purchase Agreement with Noble Drilling (Paul Romano) Inc. and the principal amount of notes to be purchased by each such note purchaser is included as Schedule A to the Note Purchase Agreement (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended September 30, 1998 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.8 Trust Indenture and Security Agreement dated as of November 24, 1998, between Noble Drilling (Paul Romano) Inc. and Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, as Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.18 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-72059) and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.9 First Naval Mortgage covering the Noble Paul Romano dated as of November 24, 1998, made by Noble Drilling (Paul Romano) Inc. in favor of Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, as Indenture Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.19 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-72059) and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.10 Note Purchase Agreement dated as of July 1, 1998, by and among Noble Drilling (Paul Wolff) Ltd., Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, as Trustee, and each of the note purchasers thereunder. Each note purchaser has entered into a separate Note Purchase Agreement, which agreements are substantially identical in all material respects, except for the principal amount of notes purchased. A schedule identifying each of the note purchasers that entered into a Note Purchase Agreement with Noble Drilling (Paul Wolff) Ltd. and the principal amount of notes purchased by each such note purchaser is included in Annex I to the Note Purchase Agreement (filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended September 30, 1998 and incorporated herein by reference).

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- 4.11 Indenture of First Naval Mortgage, dated as of July 1, 1998, made by Noble Drilling (Paul Wolff) Ltd. in favor of Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, as Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.5 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended September 30, 1998 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.12 Parent Guaranty, dated as of July 1, 1998, by Noble Drilling Corporation in favor of Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, as Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.6 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended September 30, 1998 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.13 Note Purchase Agreement dated as of December 21, 1998, by and among Noble Drilling (Jim Thompson) Inc., Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, as Trustee, and each of the note purchasers hereunder. Each note purchaser has entered into a separate Note Purchase Agreement, which agreements are substantially identical in all material respects, except for the principal amount of notes purchased. A schedule identifying each of the note purchasers that entered into a Note Purchase Agreement with Noble Drilling (Jim Thompson) Inc. and the principal amount of notes purchased by each such note purchaser is included as Annex I to the Note Purchase Agreement (filed as Exhibit 4.24 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-72059) and incorporated herein by reference).

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- 4.14 Indenture of First Naval Mortgage, dated as of December 21, 1998, made by Noble Drilling (Jim Thompson) Inc. in favor of Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, as Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.25 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-72059) and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.15 Parent Guaranty, dated as of December 21, 1998, by Noble Drilling Corporation in favor of Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, as Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.26 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-72059) and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.16 Credit Agreement dated May 30, 2001, among Noble Drilling Corporation, Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse ASA, New York Branch, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders named therein (filed as Exhibit 4 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended June 30, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.17+ Irrevocable Letter of Credit, dated December 20, 2001, by Nordea Bank Norge ASA, New York Branch, and issued to JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee of the Trust Indenture and Security Agreement, dated as of November 24, 1998, between Noble Drilling (Paul Romano) Inc. and the Trustee, for the benefit of the note holders thereunder.
- 10.1* Noble Drilling Corporation 1991 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-80511) and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.2* Noble Drilling Corporation 1992 Nonqualified Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's

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Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 33-62394) and incorporated herein by reference).

- 10.3* Amendment No. 1 to the Noble Drilling Corporation 1992 Nonqualified Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors dated as of July 28, 1994 (filed as Exhibit 10.44 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1994 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.4* Noble Drilling Corporation Equity Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended September 30, 1996 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.5* Noble Drilling Corporation Short Term Incentive Plan (revised April 2001) (filed as Exhibit 10 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended September 30, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.6* Noble Drilling Corporation Amended and Restated Thrift Restoration Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.46 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1994 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.7* Amendment No. 1 to the Noble Drilling Corporation Amended and Restated Thrift Restoration Plan dated January 29, 1998 (filed as Exhibit 10.18 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.8* Noble Drilling Corporation Retirement Restoration Plan dated April 27, 1995 (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended March 31, 1995 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.9* Amendment No. 1 to the Noble Drilling Corporation Retirement Restoration Plan dated January 29, 1998 (filed as Exhibit 10.18 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.10* Form of Indemnity Agreement entered into between the Registrant and each of the Registrant's directors and bylaw officers (filed as Exhibit 10.46 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1995 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.11 Guarantee dated August 26, 1994 between the Registrant and Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd. (filed as Exhibit 10.45 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1994 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.12* Employment Agreement, dated as of October 22, 1998, by and between Noble Drilling Corporation and James C. Day (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended September 30, 1998 and incorporated herein by reference).

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- 10.13* Employment Agreement dated as of October 22, 1998, by and between the Company and Julie J. Robertson (filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended September 30, 1998 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.14* Employment Agreement dated as of January 1, 1999 by and between Noble Drilling Corporation and Robert D. Campbell (filed as Exhibit 10.22 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.15* Employment Agreement dated as of October 22, 1998 by and between Noble Drilling Corporation and Danny W. Adkins (filed as Exhibit 10.21 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.16* Employment Agreement dated as of September 1, 2000 by and between Noble Drilling Corporation and Mark A. Jackson (filed as Exhibit 10.22 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.17* Amendment to the Noble Drilling Corporation 1991 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, dated October 28, 1999 (filed as Exhibit 10.21 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.18* Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Restoration Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 dated January 18, 2001 (No. 333-53912) and incorporated herein by reference).
- 21.1+ Subsidiaries of the Registrant.
- 23.1+ Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
- 99.1** Financial Statements required by Form 11-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 with respect to the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan (including consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP regarding the incorporation by reference thereof).

* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement required to be filed as an exhibit hereto.

** Filed with this Amendment No. 1.

+ This exhibit was previously filed as part of, and is hereby incorporated by reference to the same numbered exhibit filed with, the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001.