

Noble Corp plc
Form 8-K
November 12, 2015

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): November 9, 2015

NOBLE CORPORATION plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-36211
(Commission

file number)

98-0619597
(I.R.S. employer

identification no.)

Devonshire House, 1 Mayfair Place

London, England
(Address of principal executive offices)

W1J8AJ
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: +44 20 3300 2300

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

As previously reported, a subsidiary of Noble Corporation plc used a commercial agent in Brazil in connection with Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. (Petrobras) drilling contracts. The agent pleaded guilty in Brazil in connection with the award by Petrobras of a drilling contract to one of our competitors and implicated a Petrobras official as part of a wider investigation of Petrobras business practices. The agent has represented a number of different companies in Brazil over many years, including several offshore drilling contractors. Following the news reports relating to the agent's involvement in the Brazil investigation in connection with his activities with other companies, we have been conducting a review of our relationship with the agent and with Petrobras. We were recently contacted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of our previous disclosure. We have contacted the U.S. Department of Justice to advise them of our internal review. To our knowledge, neither the agent, nor the government authorities investigating the matter, has alleged that the agent or Noble acted improperly in connection with our contracts with Petrobras. Nevertheless, we will complete our own review of the matter.

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 CORPORATION plc

Date: November 12, 2015

By: /s/ James A. MacLennan
James A. MacLennan
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer