

Noble Corp / Switzerland  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

**DORFSTRASSE 19A**

(Street)

**6340 BAAR, SWITZERLAND**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Noble Corp / Switzerland [NE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/04/2011**

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 <sup>(1)</sup>           | 02/04/2011                           |  | D                              | V   | 106,581 \$ 0  | D  |                                   |
| Shares                          | 02/06/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 19,260 \$ 0   | D  |                                   |
| Shares                          | 02/06/2011                           |  | F                              |   | 5,095 \$ 37.71  | D  |                                   |
| Shares                          |                                      |  |                                |   | 137.54  | I  | By Trust <sup>(2)</sup>           |

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)

| 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 Am Nu Sha   |
| Stock Options                              | \$ 37.71   | 02/04/2011                           |  | A                              | 87,912  | (3) 02/04/2021   | Shares 8  |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0 (4)   | 02/04/2011                           |  | A                              | 63,644  | (5) (5)  | Shares 63   |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | \$ 0 (4)   | 02/06/2011                           |  | D                              | 19,260  | (5) (5)  | Shares 19   |
| Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units  | \$ 0 (6)   | 02/04/2011                           |  | A                              | 142,688   | (6) (6)  | Shares 142  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| WILLIAMS DAVID W<br>DORFSTRASSE 19A<br>6340 BAAR, SWITZERLAND | X             |           | Chairman, President , and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ David W.  
Williams

02/08/2011

\*\*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) Forfeiture of performance based restricted shares from award date February 7, 2008
- (2) Shares held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan
- (3) Represents option to purchase 87,912 shares at \$37.71 with a vesting schedule of 29,304 shares on February 4, 2012; 29,304 shares on February 4, 2013; and 29,304 shares on February 4, 2014
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share

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- (5) The restricted stock units vest and settle in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date

Each Performance Vested Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share. Performance Vested Restricted Stock

- (6) 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)

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