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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 *
Wolford Bernie G.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
13135 S. DAIRY
ASHFORD, SUITE 800
(Street)

SUGAR LAND, TX 77478

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Noble Corp plc [NE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/29/2015

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)
Sr. VP-Operations

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	01/29/2015		A	V	10,702	A	\$ 0	33,513 ⁽¹⁾	D
Shares	01/29/2015		F		3,161	D	\$ 15.73	30,352	D
Shares	02/01/2015		A		8,338	A	\$ 0	38,690	D
Shares	02/01/2015		F		2,271	D	\$ 15.73	36,419	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)

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)		
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	01/29/2015		A		48,633		⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	Shares	48,633
Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	01/29/2015		A		97,266		⁽⁴⁾	⁽⁴⁾	Shares	97,266
Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/29/2015		D		30,206		⁽⁶⁾	⁽⁶⁾	Shares	30,206
						⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁶⁾					⁽⁵⁾
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/29/2015		D		10,702		⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	Shares	10,702
						⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁷⁾					⁽⁵⁾
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/01/2015		D		8,338		⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	Shares	8,338
						⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁸⁾					⁽⁵⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wolford Bernie G. 13135 S. DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 800 SUGAR LAND, TX 77478			Sr. VP-Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Julie J. Robertson By Power of Attorney dated January 31, 2012

02/02/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Includes 110 shares acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment under the 1991 Plan and 302 shares that were inherited.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share.
- (3) 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 units
- (4) vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2015-2017) relative to a specified peer group.
- (5) Total share amount reflects an adjustment resulting from the spin-off of Paragon Offshore plc. The number of shares awarded prior to the spin-off have been increased to provide awardee with substantially equivalent economic value after the spin-off.
- (6) Represents performance based restricted share units awarded on February 3, 2012. Shares underlying this award have been fully forfeited.
- (7) Represents the first of three vesting events for restricted stock units awarded on January 29, 2014.
- (8) Represents the second of three vesting events for restricted stock units awarded on February 1, 2013.

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