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FORM 4

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

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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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Noble Corp plc [NE]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

13135 S. DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 01/29/2016

Other (specify below) below)

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Chairman, President and CEO

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SUGAR LAND, TX 77478

(City)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Shares 02/01/2016 31,882 \$0 D Α A 700,235

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)

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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)	Acquired (A Disposed of	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 Amou of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour Number Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (1)	01/29/2016		A	383,607		(2)	(2)	Shares	383,6	
Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	01/29/2016		A	896,278		(3)	(3)	Shares	896,2	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/01/2016		D		31,882 (4) (5)	(2)	(2)	Shares	31,8	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Plante / Plantess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WILLIAMS DAVID W 13135 S. DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 800 SUGAR LAND, TX 77478	X		Chairman, President and CEO				

Signatures

/s/ Julie R. Robertson By Power of Attorney dated August 1, 2011 02/02/2016 **Signature of Reporting Person

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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share.
- (2) 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

Date

- (3) vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2016-2018) relative to a specified peer
- (4) Represents the last of three vesting events for restricted stock units awarded on February 1, 2013.
- Total share amount reflects an adjustment to outstanding awards as a result of 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.

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