**NOBLE CORP** Form 4 March 30, 2006

## FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

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obligations

may continue.

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CAWLEY MICHAEL A |  |               | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NOBLE CORP [NE] |                                       |                         |                              | 5                      | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |   |
|--|--|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|---|
| (Last)   | (First)                                | (Middle)      | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                                    |                                       |                         |                              | (Check all applicable) |  |  |   |
| 415 WOODS LANE, P.O. BOX<br>2180                           |  |               | (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/28/2006                                     |                                       |                         |                              |                        | _X_ Director<br>Officer (give t  |  | Owner<br>er (specify  |
| (Street)   |  |               | 4. If Am   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original        |                         |                              |                        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |   |
|  |  |               |  | Filed(Month/Day/Year)                 |                         |                              |                        | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person               |  |   |
| (City)   | (State)                                | (Zip)         | Tab  | ole I - Non-                          | Derivativ               | e Secu                       | ırities Acqu           | ired, Disposed of,   | , or Beneficial  | ly Owned  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                       | 2. Transaction Dat<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution any |  | 3.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | omr Dispo<br>(Instr. 3, | sed of<br>4 and<br>(A)<br>or |                        | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Ordinary<br>Shares   | 03/28/2006                             |               |  | M                                     | 3,500                   | A                            | \$ 14.25               | 3,500  | D  |   |
| Ordinary<br>Shares   | 03/28/2006                             |               |  | S                                     | 3,500                   | D                            | \$<br>74.0028          | 0  | D  |   |
| Ordinary<br>Shares   |  |               |  |                                       |                         |                              |                        | 9,209  | D  |   |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(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 Amour of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                 |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | ŕ   | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Share |
| Non-employee<br>Stock Option -<br>Right to Buy      | \$ 74.0028  | 03/28/2006                           |   | M                                      | 3,500   | 04/26/1997   | 04/26/2006         | Ordinary<br>Shares   | 3,5                             |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| CAWLEY MICHAEL A<br>415 WOODS LANE<br>P.O. BOX 2180<br>ARDMORE OK 73402 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |

### **Signatures**

/s/ Michael A.

Cawley 03/28/2006

\*\*Signature of Pate 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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