Ahlstrom Lee Michael Form 4 February 09, 2012

### 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)

Shares

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Shares (2)

02/06/2012

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Ahlstrom Lee Michael Issuer Symbol Noble Corp / Switzerland [NE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify 8518 WYNDHAM 02/03/2012 below) below) Sr. VP - Strategic Development (Street) 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 HOUSTON, TX 77040 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionor Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Shares (1) 02/03/2012 D 10,369 D \$0 19,036 D **Shares** 02/03/2012 F 811 D 18,225 D 36.815 Shares 02/04/2012 Α 1,060 A \$0 19,285 D F **Shares** 02/04/2012 281 D 19,004 D 36.815

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Numb onDerivativ Securitie Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 5)	ve es d (A) or d of (D)	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	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 36.815	02/03/2012		A	5,209		<u>(4)</u>	02/03/2022	Shares	5,209
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (5)	02/03/2012		A	3,803		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Shares	3,803
Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <u>(7)</u>	02/03/2012		A	7,984		<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Shares	7,984
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (5)	02/04/2012		D		1,060	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Shares	1,060
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (5)	02/06/2012		D		1,014	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Shares	1,014

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsinps							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Ahlstrom Lee Michael			Sr. VP -					
8518 WYNDHAM			Strategic					
HOUSTON, TX 77040			Development					

2 Reporting Owners

### **Signatures**

/s/ Julie J. Robertson By Power of Attorney dated August 1, 2011

02/07/2012

\*\*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 25, 2009
- (2) Shares held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan
- (3) Shares held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Restoration Plan
- (4) Represents option to purchase 5,209 shares at \$36.815 with a vesting schedule of 1,736 shares on February 3, 2013; 1,736 shares on February 3, 2014; and 1,737 shares on February 3, 2015
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share
- (6) The restricted stock units vest and settle in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversay of the grant date
  - Each Performance Vested Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share. Performance Vested Restricted Stock
- (7) Units vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2012-2014) relative to a specified peer group

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