

Noble Corp plc
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FORM 4

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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)
 02/02/2017

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Shares | 02/02/2017 | | A | V 32,329 | (A) or (D) \$ 0 | 175,185 | 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)

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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) | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units (1) (2) | \$ 0 | 02/02/2017 | | D | | 64,213 | (1)(2) | (1)(2) | Shares 64,213 |
| Restricted Stock Units (3) | \$ 0 | 02/03/2017 | | A | | 112,755 | (4) | (4) | Shares 112,755 |
| Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units (5) | \$ 0 | 02/03/2017 | | A | | 225,510 | (5) | (5) | Shares 225,510 |

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

02/06/2017

__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) Represents performance based restricted share units awarded on January 29, 2014 relating to a three-year performance cycle (2014-2016). Based on performance at the end of the performance cycle, 32,329 shares vested and 31,884 shares were forfeited.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest and settle in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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- Each performance vested restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share. Performance vested restricted stock units
- (5) vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return and contract drilling margin goals over a three-year performance cycle (2017-2019) relative to a specified peer group.

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