

Noble Corp plc  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
01/29/2017

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	01/29/2017		A	V Amount \$ 0	157,442	D	
Shares	01/29/2017		F	14,586 D \$ 7.175	142,856	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)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/29/2017		D	34,972 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Shares 34,972	\$
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/29/2017		D	16,211 <u>(3)</u>	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Shares 16,211	\$
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/29/2017		D	10,703 <u>(4) (5)</u>	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Shares 10,703 <u>(4)</u>	\$

## 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 R. Robertson By Power of Attorney dated January 31, 2012 01/31/2017

\_\_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 the first of three vesting events for restricted stock units awarded on January 29, 2016.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest and settle in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) Represents the second of three vesting events for restricted stock units awarded on January 29, 2015.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Represents the third of three vesting events for restricted stock units awarded on January 29, 2014.

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