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NOBLE CORPORATION  
NOBLE HOLDING INTERNATIONAL LIMITED  
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South Church Street  
Georgetown, Grand Cayman  
Cayman Islands, BWI  
March 16, 2010

**VIA EDGAR**

Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Re: Noble Corporation  
Noble Holding International Limited  
Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-165403)**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-165403) filed by Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands exempted company, and Noble Holding International Limited, a Cayman Islands exempted company (collectively, the Registrants ), on March 11, 2010 (the Registration Statement ). Pursuant to Rule 473(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the following delaying amendment is hereby incorporated onto the cover page of the Registration Statement immediately following the calculation of registration fee table:

The Registrants hereby amend this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrants shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (709) 758-4400.

Very truly yours,

NOBLE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Andrew J. Strong  
Name: Andrew J. Strong  
Title: Director

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