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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): FEBRUARY 28, 2005

NOBLE CORPORATION
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

CAYMAN ISLANDS
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-13857
(Commission file number)

98-036
(I.R.S. employer iden

13135 SOUTH DAIRY ASHFORD, SUITE 800
SUGAR LAND, TEXAS
(Address of principal executive offices)

77478
(Zip code)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (281) 276-6100

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ITEM 5.02. APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

Mark A. Jackson, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Controller and Assistant Secretary of Noble Corporation (the "Company"), has also been appointed to the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Company, effective March 1, 2005.

James C. Day, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of the Company, has reassumed the office of President of the Company, effective March 1, 2005, an office he held from January 1, 1984 to January 1, 1999.

The previous business experience of Messrs. Day and Jackson has been previously reported by the Company in its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 heretofore filed by the Company.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NOBLE CORPORATION

Date: February 28, 2005

By: /s/ JULIE J. ROBERTSON

Julie J. Robertson,
Senior Vice President - Administration
and Corporate Secretary