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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 * WILLIAMS DAVID W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Noble Corp / Switzerland [NE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
DORFSTRASSE 19A			(Month/Day/Year) 02/04/2011	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President , and CEO		
(	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
6340 BAAR, SWITZERLAND			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivative	Secui	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securitie nor Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ľ	))	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Shares (1)	02/04/2011		D	106,581	D	\$ 0	394,631	D	
Shares	02/06/2011		A	19,260	A	\$0	413,891	D	
Shares	02/06/2011		F	5,095	D	\$ 37.71	408,796	D	
Shares							137.54	I	By Trust

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on 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 Ar of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4	
	·			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nu Sha
Stock Options	\$ 37.71	02/04/2011		A	87,912	(2)	(3)	02/04/2021	Shares	8′
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (4)	02/04/2011		A	63,644		(5)	(5)	Shares	63
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (4)	02/06/2011		D		19,260	(5)	(5)	Shares	19
Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <u>(6)</u>	02/04/2011		A	142,688		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Shares	14

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
.r. g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WILLIAMS DAVID W DORFSTRASSE 19A 6340 BAAR, SWITZERLAND	X		Chairman, President , and CEO				

# **Signatures**

/s/ David W.
Williams

\*\*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 7, 2008
- (2) Shares held in the Noble Drilling Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan
- (3) Represents option to purchase 87,912 shares at \$37.71 with a vesting schedule of 29,304 shares on February 4, 2012; 29,304 shares on February 4, 2013; and 29,304 shares on February 4, 2014

(4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share

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- (5) 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
- (6) Units vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2011-2013) relative to a specified peer group(s)

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