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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): December 28, 2016

NOBLE CORPORATION plc

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales (State or other jurisdiction

001-36211 (Commission

98-0619597 (I.R.S. employer

of incorporation or organization)

file number)

identification number)

Devonshire House, 1 Mayfair Place

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London, England (Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: +44 20 3300 2300

NOBLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands (State or other jurisdiction of

001-31306 (Commission

98-0366361 (I.R.S. employer

incorporation or organization)

file number)

identification number)

Suite 3D, Landmark Square

64 Earth Close

P.O. Box 31327

Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, BWI (Address of principal executive offices)

KY-1 1206 (**Zip code**)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (345) 938-0293

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Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Explanatory Note

This combined filing on Form 8-K is separately filed by Noble Corporation plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales (Noble-U.K.), and Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company (Noble-Cayman). Information in this filing relating to Noble-Cayman is filed by Noble-U.K. and separately by Noble-Cayman on its own behalf. Noble-Cayman makes no representation as to information relating to Noble-U.K. (except as it may relate to Noble-Cayman) or any other affiliate or subsidiary of Noble-U.K. This report should be read in its entirety as it pertains to each of Noble-U.K. and Noble-Cayman.

Item 8.01 Other Events

Tender Offers

On December 28, 2016, Noble-U.K. issued a press release announcing the results to date of the previously announced cash tender offers (the Tender Offers) by Noble Holding International Limited (NHIL) and Noble-Cayman for NHIL s outstanding 4.90% Senior Notes due 2020, 4.625% Senior Notes due 2021 and 3.95% Senior Notes due 2022 (collectively, the Notes). A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

This current report does not constitute an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any Notes in the Tender Offers. The Tender Offers are only being made pursuant to an Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal. The Tender Offers are not being made to holders of Notes in any state or jurisdiction in which the making or acceptance thereof would be unlawful under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

The foregoing information, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information and exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT

NUMBER DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release issued by Noble Corporation plc dated December 28, 2016.

SIGNATURES

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

Noble Corporation plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales

Date: December 28, 2016

By: /s/ Dennis J. Lubojacky Name: Dennis J. Lubojacky

Title: Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and

Controller

Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company

By: /s/ Dennis J. Lubojacky Name: Dennis J. Lubojacky

Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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