

NOBLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 16, 2006

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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): August 16, 2006**  
**NOBLE CORPORATION**  
*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)*

<b>Cayman Islands</b> <i>(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)</i>	<b>001-31306</b> <i>(Commission file number)</i>	<b>98-0366361</b> <i>(I.R.S. employer identification number)</i>
<b>13135 South Dairy Ashford, Suite 800</b> <b>Sugar Land, Texas</b> <i>(Address of principal executive offices)</i>		<b>77478</b> <i>(Zip code)</i>

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 276-6100**

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-2(c))
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**ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference into this Item 7.01 the Noble Corporation and Subsidiaries Fleet Status Update as of August 16, 2006 of the Registrant, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and will be published on the Registrant's web site at <http://www.noblecorp.com>. The report provides certain summary information about the operations of the drilling units of the Registrant. The report is being furnished in accordance with Rule 101 (e) (1) under Regulation FD and shall not be deemed to be filed.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Noble Corporation and Subsidiaries Fleet Status Update as of August 16, 2006.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

NOBLE CORPORATION

Date: August 16, 2006

By:

/s/ MARK A. JACKSON

Mark A. Jackson,  
President and Chief Operating  
Officer and acting Chief Financial  
Officer

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