

NOBLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 27, 2007

**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): July 27, 2007**

**NOBLE CORPORATION**

*(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Cayman Islands**

*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)*

**001-31306**

*(Commission file number)*

**98-0366361**

*(I.R.S. employer  
identification number)*

**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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On July 27, 2007, Noble Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has approved what is commonly referred to in the United States as a two-for-one stock split of the Company's ordinary shares, to be accomplished by means of a stock dividend. The additional shares will be distributed on August 28, 2007 to members of record on August 7, 2007. In addition, the Company announced that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.04 per ordinary share to be paid on September 21, 2007 to members of record on September 7, 2007.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The information required by this Item 9.01(d) is set forth in the Index to Exhibits accompanying this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

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**SIGNATURE**

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

By: /s/ Thomas L. Mitchell  
Thomas L. Mitchell,  
Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer, Treasurer and  
Controller

Date: July 27, 2007

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Noble Corporation Press Release issued July 27, 2007.