

NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD

Form 8-K

October 28, 2011

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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) **October 28, 2011**  
**NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

<b>Bermuda</b> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	<b>001-32657</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>98-0363970</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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<b>Crown House</b> <b>4 Par-la-Ville Road</b> <b>Second Floor</b> <b>Hamilton, HM08 Bermuda</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>(441) 292-1510</b> (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	<b>N/A</b> (Zip Code)
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 28, 2011, we issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors has appointed Anthony G. Petrello as Chief Executive Officer of the company. Mr. Petrello has served as a Director and as President and Chief Operating Officer of Nabors since 1991 and as Deputy Chairman since 2003. He will serve as President and Chief Executive Officer, and will continue in his roles as a Director and Deputy Chairman.

Eugene M. Isenberg, who served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer since 1987, will continue to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. As a result of this change in responsibility, the Company intends to record a \$100 million contingent liability, to be reflected in its fourth-quarter results and year-end financial statements, in light of provisions in Mr. Isenberg's employment agreement. The material terms of his employment agreement are described on pages 29-31 of the proxy statement relating to our annual general meeting of shareholders held on June 7, 2011 and filed with the SEC on April 29, 2011 (File no. 001-32657). That description is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Each of the changes was effective Friday, October 28, 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Mr. Petrello, 57, also serves as a director of Stewart & Stevenson LLC and of Hilcorp Energy Company. Mr. Petrello has an employment agreement with the Company, the material terms of which are described on pages 29-31 of the proxy statement relating to our annual general meeting of shareholders held on June 7, 2011 and filed with the SEC on April 29, 2011 (File no. 001-32657). That description is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release

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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.

NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD.

Date: October 28, 2011

By: /s/ Mark D. Andrews  
Mark D. Andrews  
Corporate Secretary

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