

NOBLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2006

**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): March 17, 2006**

**NOBLE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Cayman Islands**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-31306**

(Commission File Number)

**98-0366361**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-2(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(b) and (c) On March 17, 2006, Bruce W. Busmire, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Noble Corporation (the Company), resigned his employment with the Company to pursue other interests.

Mark A. Jackson, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, has assumed the position of acting Chief Financial Officer of the Company on an interim basis pending the Company's appointment of a successor Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Jackson served as the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from September 1, 2000 through September 26, 2005.

**SIGNATURES**

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: March 17, 2006

By: /s/ JULIE J. ROBERTSON  
Julie J. Robertson  
Executive Vice President and Secretary

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