

NOBLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 23, 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): May 23, 2006

**NOBLE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**CAYMAN ISLANDS**

**001-31306**

**98-0366361**

(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or  
Organization)

(Commission File  
Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**13135 South Dairy Ashford, Suite 800  
Sugar Land, Texas**

**77478**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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:

- 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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On May 23, 2006, Noble Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it has commenced a public offering of \$300 million aggregate principal amount of its Senior Notes due 2013. A copy of such press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and will be published in the Newsroom area on the Company s web site at <http://www.noblecorp.com>. Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the press release is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Noble Corporation Press Release issued May 23, 2006.

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**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 hereunto duly authorized.

NOBLE CORPORATION

Date: May 23, 2006

By: /s/ Robert D. Campbell  
Robert D. Campbell,  
Senior Vice President and General  
Counsel

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