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October 27, 2003

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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 27, 2003

NOBLE CORPORATION  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

CAYMAN ISLANDS  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

0-13857  
(Commission file number)

98-0366361  
(I.R.S. employer identifica

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

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

Noble Corporation (the "Company") announced today the addition of Mary P. Ricciardello to its Board of Directors. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is a press release issued by the Company on October 27, 2003, which press release is hereby incorporated by reference

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Noble Corporation Press Release dated October 27, 2003, announcing the addition of Mary P. Ricciardello to its Board of Directors.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

NOBLE CORPORATION

Date: October 27, 2003

By: /s/ MARK A. JACKSON

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Mark A. Jackson,  
Senior Vice President-Finance, Chief  
Financial Officer, Treasurer, Controller  
and Assistant Secretary

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