

NOBLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 16, 2008

**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): January 16, 2008  
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**

(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 16, 2008, Noble Corporation (the Registrant ) issued a news release announcing that subsidiaries of the Registrant had reached agreement to sell the Registrant s North Sea platform drilling business to Seawell Holding UK limited for \$35 million. The news release is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and will be published in the Newsroom area on the Registrant s web site at <http://www.noblecorp.com>. Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the news release is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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**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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**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: January 16, 2008

By: /s/ Julie J. Robertson  
Julie J. Robertson,  
Executive Vice President and Corporate  
Secretary

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**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

EXHIBIT  
NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

99.1 Noble Corporation news release dated January 16, 2008.