

Noble Corp plc  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Johnson Simon                           |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | Noble Corp plc [NE]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 03/03/2014   |  |
| 13135 S. DAIRY ASHFORD, Â SUITE 800       |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| SUGAR LAND, Â TX Â 77478                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | Sr. VP - Marketing & Contracts   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Shares                          | 19,712  | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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|   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date |        | Amount or Number of Shares |           | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|---|------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| Stock Options                             | Â (1)            | 02/03/2022      | Shares | 4,465                      | \$ 36.815 | D                          | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units                    | Â (3)            | Â (3)           | Shares | 1,180                      | \$ 0 (2)  | D                          | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units                    | Â (4)            | Â (4)           | Shares | 1,087                      | \$ 0 (2)  | D                          | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units                    | Â (5)            | Â (5)           | Shares | 2,445                      | \$ 0 (2)  | D                          | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units                    | Â (6)            | Â (6)           | Shares | 12,551                     | \$ 0 (2)  | D                          | Â |
| Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units | Â (7)            | Â (7)           | Shares | 6,844                      | \$ 0 (7)  | D                          | Â |
| Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units | Â (8)            | Â (8)           | Shares | 7,334                      | \$ 0 (8)  | D                          | Â |
| Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units | Â (9)            | Â (9)           | Shares | 25,102                     | \$ 0 (9)  | D                          | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| Johnson Simon<br>13135 S. DAIRY ASHFORD<br>SUITE 800<br>SUGAR LAND, TX 77478 | Â             | Â         | Â Sr. VP - Marketing & Contracts | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Julie J. Robertson By Power of Attorney Dated March 4, 2014 03/12/2014

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Stock options vest in one-third increments on each anniversary of the grant date; 1,488 vested on 2/3/2013, 1,488 vested on 2/3/2014, 1,489 vest on 2/3/2015
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share
- (3) The restricted stock units vest as follows: 1,180 vest on 4/29/2014
- (4) The restricted stock units vest as follows: 1,087 vest on 2/3/2015
- (5) The restricted stock units vest as follows: 1,222 vest on 2/1/2015, 1,223 vest on 2/1/2016
- (6) The restricted stock units vest as follows: 4,183 vest on 1/29/2015, 4,184 vest on 1/29/2016, 4,184 vest on 1/29/2017

- Each Performance Vested Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share. Performance Vested Restricted Stock
- (7) Units vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2012-2014) relative to a specified peer group. Grant date was 2/3/2012
  - (8) Each Performance Vested Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share. Performance Vested Restricted Stock Units vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2013-2015) relative to a specified

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peer group. Grant date was 2/1/2013

- Each Performance Vested Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share. Performance Vested Restricted Stock
- (9) Units vest upon the company achieving a total shareholder return over a three-year performance cycle (2014-2016) relative to a specified peer group. Grant date was 1/29/2014

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**Remarks:**

ExhibitÂ Index:

ExhibitÂ 24Â -Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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