NOBLE CORP Form 8-K June 27, 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): June 27, 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 number)

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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the news release dated June 27, 2006 of Noble Corporation.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 News release dated June 27, 2006 issued by Noble Corporation.

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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: June 27, 2006

By: /s/ Mark A. Jackson

Mark A. Jackson,

President and Chief Operating Officer and acting Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 99.1 News release dated June 27, 2006 issued by Noble Corporation.