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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF $^{\rm x}$ 1934

For the quarterly period ended: September 30, 2016

OR

..TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to Commission file number: 001-36211

Noble Corporation plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales (Registered Number 08354954) 98-0619597 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. employer identification number)

Devonshire House, 1 Mayfair Place, London, England, W1J8AJ

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: +44 20 3300 2300

Commission file number: 001-31306

Noble Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Cayman Islands 98-0366361 (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. employer incorporation or organization) identification number)

Suite 3D Landmark Square, 64 Earth Close, P.O. Box 31327 George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands,

KY1-1206

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (345) 938-0293

Indicate by check mark whether each registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes b No "Indicate by check mark whether each registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes b No "

Indicate by check mark whether each registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting

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company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Noble Corporation plc:Large accelerated filer b Accelerated filer "Non-accelerated filer "Smaller reporting company ...

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Indicate by check mark whether each registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes "No b

Number of shares outstanding and trading at October 21, 2016: Noble Corporation plc —243,233,371 Number of shares outstanding: Noble Corporation — 261,245,693

Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Noble Corporation plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales, meets the conditions set forth in General Instructions H(1) (a) and (b) to Form 10-Q and is therefore filing this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q with the reduced disclosure format contemplated by paragraphs (b) and (c) of General Instruction H(2) of Form 10-Q.

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This combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is separately filed by Noble Corporation plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales ("Noble-UK"), and Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company ("Noble-Cayman"). Information in this filing relating to Noble-Cayman is filed by Noble-UK and separately by Noble-Cayman on its own behalf. Noble-Cayman makes no representation as to information relating to Noble-UK (except as it may relate to Noble-Cayman) or any other affiliate or subsidiary of Noble-UK. Since Noble-Cayman meets the conditions specified in General Instructions H(1)(a) and (b) to Form 10-Q, it is permitted to use the reduced disclosure format for wholly-owned subsidiaries of reporting companies as stated in General Instructions H(2). Accordingly, Noble-Cayman has omitted from this report the information called for by Item 3 (Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk) of Part I of Form 10-Q and the following items of Part II of Form 10-Q: Item 2 (Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds) and Item 3 (Defaults upon Senior Securities). This report should be read in its entirety as it pertains to each Registrant. Except where indicated, the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes are combined. References in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to "Noble," the "Company," "we," "us," "our" and words of similar meaning refer collectively to Noble-UK and its consolidated subsidiaries, including Noble-Cayman.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 1. Financial Statements NOBLE CORPORATION PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015		
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$426,052	\$512,245		
Accounts receivable	319,567	498,931		
Taxes receivable	35,387	55,525		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	102,778	173,917		
Total current assets	883,784	1,240,618		
Property and equipment, at cost	14,604,796	14,056,323		
Accumulated depreciation	(3,013,008)	(2,572,700)		
Property and equipment, net	11,591,788	11,483,623		
Other assets	108,566	141,404		
Total assets	\$12,584,138	\$12,865,645		
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Current liabilities				
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$299,762	\$299,924		
Accounts payable	114,392	223,221		
Accrued payroll and related costs	53,377	81,464		
Taxes payable	98,019	87,940		
Interest payable	46,040	72,961		
Other current liabilities	72,528	98,074		
Total current liabilities	684,118	863,584		
Long-term debt	3,830,224	4,162,638		
Deferred income taxes	11,487	92,797		
Other liabilities	300,326	324,396		
Total liabilities	4,826,155	5,443,415		
Commitments and contingencies				
Shareholders' equity				
Shares; 243,233 and 241,977 shares outstanding	2,432	2,420		
Additional paid-in capital	646,601	628,483		
Retained earnings	6,457,071	6,131,501		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(61,169)	(63,175)		
Total shareholders' equity	7,044,935	6,699,229		
Noncontrolling interests	713,048	723,001		
Total equity	7,757,983	7,422,230		
Total liabilities and equity	\$12,584,138	\$12,865,645		

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

NOBLE CORPORATION PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

Three Months Nine Months

Ended Ended

September 30, September 30, 2016 2015 2016 2015

Operating revenues