

Noble Corp / Switzerland
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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): October 25, 2013

NOBLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Switzerland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

Dorfstrasse 19A

000-53604
(Commission
file number)

98-0619597
(I.R.S. employer
identification number)

6340

Baar, Switzerland
(Address of principal executive offices) **(Zip code)**
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 41 (41) 761-65-55

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))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 25, 2013, Noble Corporation, a Swiss company (the Company), announced that it had received a private letter ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service addressing certain aspects of the tax treatment of its previously announced plan for the spin-off of a newly formed subsidiary whose assets and liabilities would consist of most of the Company's standard specification drilling units and related assets, liabilities and business (the Plan). A copy of the Company's press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report and the exhibit hereto may contain forward-looking statements about the business, financial performance and prospects of the Company. Statements about the Company's or management's plans, intentions, expectations, beliefs, estimates, predictions, or similar expressions for the future, including those regarding the pursuit, consummation or benefits of the Plan, anticipated tax treatment of the Plan, as well as any other statements that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements that involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. No assurance can be given that the outcomes of these forward-looking statements will be realized, and actual results could differ materially from those expressed as a result of various factors. A discussion of some of these factors, including risks and uncertainties, is set forth from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC).

Important Additional Information Regarding the Proposed Plan will be Filed with the SEC

In connection with the shareholder vote on actions required to effect the proposed Plan, the Company will file with the SEC and mail to its shareholders a proxy statement. **INVESTORS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT CAREFULLY AND ANY OTHER MATERIALS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY AND THE PROPOSED PLAN.** Investors may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement (when available) and other relevant documents filed with the SEC from the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov or at the Company's website at www.noblecorp.com. Investors will also be able to obtain, without charge, a copy of the proxy statement (when available) and other relevant documents by directing a request by mail or telephone to Investor Relations, Noble Corporation, Dorfstrasse 19A, 6340 Baar, Zug, Switzerland, telephone 41(41)761-65-55.

Participants in Solicitation

The Company and its directors and officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from its shareholders with respect to the proposed Plan. Information about these persons is set forth in the Company's proxy statement relating to its 2013 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, as filed with the SEC on March 11, 2013, and in any documents subsequently filed by its directors and officers under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such persons, which may be different than those of the Company's shareholders generally, by reading the proxy statement and other relevant documents regarding the proposed Plan that will be filed with the SEC.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT
NUMBER

99.1 Press Release dated October 25, 2013.

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, a Swiss corporation

Date: October 25, 2013

By: /s/ James A. MacLennan
James A. MacLennan
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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