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UNITED STATES
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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended: June 30, 2015

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)
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)
Devonshire House, 1 Mayfair Place, London, England, W1J8AJ
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

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
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

98-0366361
(I.R.S. employer
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 required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes 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 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 company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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

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

Number of shares outstanding and trading at July 24, 2015: Noble Corporation plc 241,969,586

Number of shares outstanding at July 24, 2015: 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.

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	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 247,683	\$ 68,510
Accounts receivable	540,423	569,096
Taxes receivable	60,564	107,490
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	161,634	183,466
Total current assets	1,010,304	928,562
Property and equipment, at cost	14,610,963	14,442,922
Accumulated depreciation	(2,640,518)	(2,330,413)
Property and equipment, net	11,970,445	12,112,509
Other assets	223,967	245,751
Total assets	\$ 13,204,716	\$ 13,286,822
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 350,000	\$
Accounts payable	220,475	265,389
Accrued payroll and related costs	81,804	102,520
Taxes payable	109,786	94,230
Interest payable	80,300	61,964
Other current liabilities	111,529	144,571
Total current liabilities	953,894	668,674
Long-term debt	4,488,541	4,869,020

Deferred income taxes	104,402	120,589
Other liabilities	310,481	341,505
Total liabilities	5,857,318	5,999,788
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity		
Shares; 241,970 and 247,501 shares outstanding	2,420	2,475
Additional paid-in capital	609,667	695,638
Retained earnings	6,087,800	5,936,035
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(69,173)	(69,418)
Total shareholders' equity	6,630,714	6,564,730
Noncontrolling interests	716,684	722,304
Total equity	7,347,398	7,287,034
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 13,204,716	\$ 13,286,822

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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NOBLE CORPORATION PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Operating revenues				
Contract drilling services	\$ 771,307	\$ 779,368	\$ 1,550,668	\$ 1,550,005
Reimbursables	22,248	24,413	47,229	48,963
	793,555	803,781	1,597,897	1,598,968
Operating costs and expenses				
Contract drilling services	319,207	370,902	640,957	723,782
Reimbursables	17,652	17,732	37,809	39,236
Depreciation and amortization	159,123	152,862	313,261	299,060
General and administrative	22,424	27,080	46,362	52,717
	518,406	568,576	1,038,389	1,114,795
Operating income	275,149	235,205	559,508	484,173
Other income (expense)				
Interest expense, net of amount capitalized	(57,465)	(36,351)	(106,509)	(76,743)
Interest income and other, net	(431)	(1,361)	6,151	(2,629)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	217,253	197,493	459,150	404,801
Income tax provision	(39,405)	(34,265)	(82,852)	(69,843)
Net income from continuing operations	177,848	163,228	376,298	334,958
Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax		94,234		195,746
Net income	177,848	257,462	376,298	530,704
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(18,817)	(22,903)	(38,864)	(39,819)
Net income attributable to Noble Corporation plc	\$ 159,031	\$ 234,559	\$ 337,434	\$ 490,885
Net income attributable to Noble Corporation plc				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 159,031	\$ 140,325	\$ 337,434	\$ 295,139
Income from discontinued operations		94,234		195,746

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Net income attributable to Noble Corporation plc	\$ 159,031	\$ 234,559	\$ 337,434	\$ 490,885
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Per share data:

Basic:

Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.54	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.14
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Income from discontinued operations		0.37		0.76
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Net income attributable to Noble Corporation plc	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.91	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.90
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Diluted:

Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.54	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.14
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Income from discontinued operations		0.37		0.76
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Net income attributable to Noble Corporation plc	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.91	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.90
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See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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NOBLE CORPORATION PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net income	\$ 177,848	\$ 257,462	\$ 376,298	\$ 530,704
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	1,425	1,711	(1,874)	2,720
Foreign currency forward contracts	3,054	706	(91)	6,652
Amortization of deferred pension plan amounts (net of tax provision of \$582 and \$253 for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$1,148 and \$505 for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively)	1,129	765	2,210	1,528
Other comprehensive income, net	5,608	3,182	245	10,900
Net comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(18,817)	(22,903)	(38,864)	(39,819)
Comprehensive income attributable to Noble Corporation plc	\$ 164,639	\$ 237,741	\$ 337,679	\$ 501,785

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NOBLE CORPORATION PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 376,298	\$ 530,704
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	313,261	500,299
Deferred income taxes	(17,312)	10,127
Amortization of share-based compensation	21,147	26,517
Net change in other assets and liabilities	74,484	(35,824)
Net cash from operating activities	767,878	1,031,823
Cash flows from investing activities		
Capital expenditures	(170,283)	(1,216,404)
Change in accrued capital expenditures	(38,408)	(11,813)
Net cash from investing activities	(208,691)	(1,228,217)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net change in borrowings outstanding on bank credit facilities	(1,123,495)	707,472
Repayment of long-term debt		(250,000)
Issuance of senior notes	1,092,728	
Debt issuance costs on senior notes and credit facilities	(16,070)	(386)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	(44,484)	(41,910)
Repurchases of shares	(100,630)	
Dividend payments	(185,669)	(193,740)
Employee stock transactions	(2,394)	1,037
Net cash from financing activities	(380,014)	222,473
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	179,173	26,079
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	68,510	114,458
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 247,683	\$ 140,537

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NOBLE CORPORATION PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Shares Balance	Par Value	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
Balance at December 31, 2013	253,448	\$ 2,534	\$ 810,286	\$ 7,591,927	\$ (82,164)	\$ 727,445	\$ 9,050,028
Employee related equity activity							
Amortization of share-based compensation			26,517				26,517
Issuance of share-based compensation shares	683	6	(8,952)				(8,946)
Exercise of stock options	127	3	2,548				2,551
Tax benefit of equity transactions			(1,520)				(1,520)
Net income				490,885		39,819	530,704
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests						(41,910)	(41,910)
Dividends				(65,491)			(65,491)
Other comprehensive income, net					10,900		10,900
Balance at June 30, 2014	254,258	\$ 2,543	\$ 828,879	\$ 8,017,321	\$ (71,264)	\$ 725,354	\$ 9,502,833
Balance at December 31, 2014	247,501	\$ 2,475	\$ 695,638	\$ 5,936,035	\$ (69,418)	\$ 722,304	\$ 7,287,034
Employee related equity activity							
Amortization of share-based compensation			21,147				21,147
Issuance of share-based compensation shares	678	7	(4,149)				(4,142)
Tax benefit of equity transactions			(2,401)				(2,401)
Repurchases of shares	(6,209)	(62)	(100,568)				(100,630)
Net income				337,434		38,864	376,298

Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests						(44,484)	(44,484)
Dividends				(185,669)			(185,669)
Other comprehensive income, net						245	245

Balance at June 30, 2015 241,970 \$ 2,420 \$ 609,667 \$ 6,087,800 \$ (69,173) \$ 716,684 \$ 7,347,398

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 245,120	\$ 65,780
Accounts receivable	540,423	569,096
Taxes receivable	60,157	107,289
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	138,604	139,669
Total current assets	984,304	881,834
Property and equipment, at cost	14,572,411	14,404,371
Accumulated depreciation	(2,627,726)	(2,318,220)
Property and equipment, net	11,944,685	12,086,151
Other assets	220,764	222,254
Total assets	\$ 13,149,753	\$ 13,190,239
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 350,000	\$
Accounts payable	218,066	261,012
Accrued payroll and related costs	74,405	91,487
Taxes payable	107,716	91,471
Interest payable	80,300	61,964
Other current liabilities	107,567	139,950
Total current liabilities	938,054	645,884
Long-term debt	4,488,541	4,869,020
Deferred income taxes	104,402	120,589
Other liabilities	304,938	335,964
Total liabilities	5,835,935	5,971,457

Commitments and contingencies

Shareholder equity		
Ordinary shares; 261,246 shares outstanding	26,125	26,125
Capital in excess of par value	545,352	530,657
Retained earnings	6,094,830	6,009,114
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(69,173)	(69,418)
Total shareholder equity	6,597,134	6,496,478
Noncontrolling interests	716,684	722,304
Total equity	7,313,818	7,218,782
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 13,149,753	\$ 13,190,239

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NOBLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Operating revenues				
Contract drilling services	\$ 771,307	\$ 779,368	\$ 1,550,668	\$ 1,550,005
Reimbursables	22,248	24,413	47,229	48,963
	793,555	803,781	1,597,897	1,598,968
Operating costs and expenses				
Contract drilling services	318,967	363,206	638,446	713,783
Reimbursables	17,652	17,732	37,809	39,236
Depreciation and amortization	158,797	152,242	312,663	297,845
General and administrative	13,509	11,489	25,717	23,421
	508,925	544,669	1,014,635	1,074,285
Operating income	284,630	259,112	583,262	524,683
Other income (expense)				
Interest expense, net of amount capitalized	(57,465)	(36,351)	(106,509)	(76,743)
Interest income and other, net	(1,901)	(1,248)	4,547	(2,643)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	225,264	221,513	481,300	445,297
Income tax provision	(39,536)	(34,063)	(83,094)	(69,533)
Net income from continuing operations	185,728	187,450	398,206	375,764
Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax		100,692		214,609
Net income	185,728	288,142	398,206	590,373
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(18,817)	(22,903)	(38,864)	(39,819)
Net income attributable to Noble Corporation	\$ 166,911	\$ 265,239	\$ 359,342	\$ 550,554

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net income	\$ 185,728	\$ 288,142	\$ 398,206	\$ 590,373
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	1,425	1,711	(1,874)	2,720
Foreign currency forward contracts	3,054	706	(91)	6,652
Amortization of deferred pension plan amounts (net of tax provision of \$582 and \$253 for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$1,148 and \$505 for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively)	1,129	765	2,210	1,528
Other comprehensive income, net	5,608	3,182	245	10,900
Net comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(18,817)	(22,903)	(38,864)	(39,819)
Comprehensive income attributable to Noble Corporation	\$ 172,519	\$ 268,421	\$ 359,587	\$ 561,454

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NOBLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 398,206	\$ 590,373
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	312,663	499,084
Deferred income taxes	(17,312)	10,127
Capital contribution by parent - share-based compensation	14,695	18,792
Net change in other assets and liabilities	44,726	(37,241)
Net cash from operating activities	752,978	1,081,135
Cash flows from investing activities		
Capital expenditures	(170,283)	(1,216,270)
Change in accrued capital expenditures	(38,408)	(11,813)
Net cash from investing activities	(208,691)	(1,228,083)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net change in borrowings outstanding on bank credit facilities	(1,123,495)	707,472
Repayment of long-term debt		(250,000)
Issuance of senior notes	1,092,728	
Debt issuance costs on senior notes and credit facilities	(16,070)	(386)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	(44,484)	(41,910)
Distributions to parent company, net	(273,626)	(240,900)
Net cash from financing activities	(364,947)	174,276
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	179,340	27,328
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	65,780	110,382
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 245,120	\$ 137,710

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NOBLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Shares		Capital in Excess of Par Value	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
	Balance	Par Value					
Balance at December 31, 2013	261,246	\$ 26,125	\$ 497,316	\$ 7,986,762	\$ (82,164)	\$ 727,445	\$ 9,155,484
Distributions to parent				(240,900)			(240,900)
Capital contributions by parent - share-based compensation			18,792				18,792
Net income				550,554		39,819	590,373
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests						(41,910)	(41,910)
Other comprehensive income, net					10,900		10,900
Balance at June 30, 2014	261,246	\$ 26,125	\$ 516,108	\$ 8,296,416	\$ (71,264)	\$ 725,354	\$ 9,492,739
Balance at December 31, 2014	261,246	\$ 26,125	\$ 530,657	\$ 6,009,114	\$ (69,418)	\$ 722,304	\$ 7,218,782
Distributions to parent				(273,626)			(273,626)
Capital contributions by parent - share-based compensation			14,695				14,695
Net income				359,342		38,864	398,206
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests						(44,484)	(44,484)
Other comprehensive income, net					245		245
Balance at June 30, 2015	261,246	\$ 26,125	\$ 545,352	\$ 6,094,830	\$ (69,173)	\$ 716,684	\$ 7,313,818

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NOBLE CORPORATION PLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOBLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unless otherwise indicated, dollar amounts in tables are in thousands, except per share data)

Note 1 Organization and Basis of Presentation

Noble Corporation plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales (Noble-UK), is a leading offshore drilling contractor for the oil and gas industry. We perform contract drilling services with our global fleet of mobile offshore drilling units. As of the filing date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our fleet consisted of 15 jackups, nine drillships and eight semisubmersibles, including one high-specification, harsh environment jackup under construction.

We report our contract drilling operations as a single reportable segment, Contract Drilling Services, which reflects how we manage our business, and the fact that all of our drilling fleet is dependent upon the worldwide oil and gas industry. The mobile offshore drilling units comprising our offshore rig fleet operate in a global market for contract drilling services and are often redeployed to different regions due to changing demands of our customers, which consist largely of major independent and government owned/controlled oil and gas companies throughout the world. As of June 30, 2015, our contract drilling services segment conducts operations in the United States, Brazil, Argentina, the North Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, the Black Sea, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. Noble and its predecessors have been engaged in the contract drilling of oil and gas wells since 1921.

Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company (Noble-Cayman), is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Noble-UK, our publicly-traded parent company. Noble-UK's principal asset is all of the shares of Noble-Cayman. Noble-Cayman has no public equity outstanding. The consolidated financial statements of Noble-UK include the accounts of Noble-Cayman, and Noble-UK conducts substantially all of its business through Noble-Cayman and its subsidiaries.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Noble-UK and Noble-Cayman have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as they pertain to Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Accordingly, certain information and disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. The unaudited financial statements reflect all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of the financial position and results of operations for the interim periods, on a basis consistent with the annual audited consolidated financial statements. All such adjustments are of a recurring nature. The December 31, 2014 Consolidated Balance Sheets presented herein are derived from the December 31, 2014 audited consolidated financial statements. These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed by both Noble-UK and Noble-Cayman. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

Certain amounts in prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Note 2 Spin-off of Paragon Offshore plc (Paragon Offshore)

On August 1, 2014, Noble-UK completed the separation and spin-off of a majority of its standard specification offshore drilling business (the Spin-off) through a pro rata distribution of all of the ordinary shares of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Paragon Offshore, to the holders of Noble's ordinary shares. Our shareholders received one share of Paragon Offshore for every three shares of Noble owned as of July 23, 2014, the record date for the distribution. Through the Spin-off, we disposed of most of our standard specification drilling units and related assets, liabilities and business. Prior to the Spin-off, Paragon Offshore issued approximately \$1.7 billion of long-term debt. We used the proceeds from this debt to repay certain amounts outstanding under our commercial paper program.

Prior to the completion of the Spin-off, Noble and Paragon Offshore entered into a series of agreements to effect the separation and Spin-off and govern the relationship between the parties after the Spin-off.

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Master Separation Agreement (MSA)

The general terms and conditions relating to the separation and Spin-off are set forth in the MSA. The MSA identifies the assets transferred, liabilities assumed and contracts assigned either to Paragon Offshore by us or by Paragon Offshore to us in the separation and describes when and how these transfers, assumptions and assignments would occur. The MSA provides for, among other things, Paragon Offshore's responsibility for liabilities relating to its business and the responsibility of Noble for liabilities related to our, and in certain limited cases, Paragon Offshore's business, in each case irrespective of when the liability arose. The MSA also contains indemnification obligations and ongoing commitments by us and Paragon Offshore.

Employee Matters Agreement (EMA)

The EMA allocates liabilities and responsibilities between us and Paragon Offshore relating to employment, compensation and benefits and other employment related matters.

Tax Sharing Agreement (TSA)

The TSA provides for the allocation of tax liabilities and benefits between us and Paragon Offshore and governs the parties' assistance with tax-related claims.

Transition Services Agreements

Under two transition services agreements, we agreed to continue, for a limited period of time, to provide various interim support services to Paragon Offshore, and Paragon Offshore agreed to provide various interim support services to us, including providing operational and administrative support for our remaining Brazilian operations.

Note 3 Discontinued Operations

Paragon Offshore, which had been reflected as continuing operations in our consolidated financial statements prior to the Spin-Off, meets the criteria for being reported as discontinued operations and has been reclassified as such in our results of operations. The results of discontinued operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 include the historical results of Paragon Offshore, including \$6 million and \$19 million, respectively, of non-recurring costs incurred by Noble related to the Spin-Off.

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The following table provides the components of net income from discontinued operations, net of tax for Noble-UK for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014:

	Three months ended		Six months ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014		2014	
Operating revenues				
Contract drilling services	\$	421,038	\$	856,705
Reimbursables		7,398		19,501
Labor contract drilling services		8,146		16,358
Other				1
Operating revenues from discontinued operations	\$	436,582	\$	892,565
Income from discontinued operations				
Income from discontinued operations before income taxes	\$	112,404	\$	232,774
Income tax provision		(18,170)		(37,028)
Net income from discontinued operations	\$	94,234	\$	195,746

Note 4 Consolidated Joint Ventures

We maintain a 50 percent interest in two joint ventures, each with a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell plc (Shell), that own and operate the two *Bully*-class drillships. We have determined that we are the primary beneficiary of the joint ventures. Accordingly, we consolidate the entities in our consolidated financial statements after eliminating intercompany transactions. Shell's equity interests are presented as noncontrolling interests on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

During the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Bully joint ventures approved and paid dividends totaling \$89 million and \$84 million, respectively. Of these amounts, 50 percent were paid to our joint venture partner.

The combined carrying amount of the *Bully*-class drillships at both June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 totaled \$1.4 billion. These assets were primarily funded through partner equity contributions. Cash held by the Bully joint ventures

was approximately \$41 million at June 30, 2015 as compared to approximately \$47 million at December 31, 2014.

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Note 5 Share Data*Earnings per share*

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for Noble-UK:

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Numerator:				
Basic				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 159,031	\$ 140,325	\$ 337,434	\$ 295,139
Earnings allocated to unvested share-based payment awards	(3,555)	(2,257)	(7,489)	(4,767)
Income from continuing operations to common shareholders	155,476	138,068	329,945	290,372
Income from discontinued operations		94,234		195,746
Earnings allocated to unvested share-based payment awards		(1,519)		(3,281)
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax to common shareholders		92,715		192,465
Net income attributable to Noble-UK	159,031	234,559	337,434	490,885
Earnings allocated to unvested share-based payment awards	(3,555)	(3,776)	(7,489)	(8,048)
Net income to common shareholders - basic	\$ 155,476	\$ 230,783	\$ 329,945	\$ 482,837
Diluted				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 159,031	\$ 140,325	\$ 337,434	\$ 295,139
	(3,555)	(2,256)	(7,489)	(4,766)

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Earnings allocated to unvested share-based payment awards

Income from continuing operations to common shareholders	155,476	138,069	329,945	290,373
Income from discontinued operations		94,234		195,746
Earnings allocated to unvested share-based payment awards		(1,518)		(3,280)
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax to common shareholders		92,716		192,466
Net income attributable to Noble-UK	159,031	234,559	337,434	490,885
Earnings allocated to unvested share-based payment awards	(3,555)	(3,774)	(7,489)	(8,046)
Net income to common shareholders - diluted	\$ 155,476	\$ 230,785	\$ 329,945	\$ 482,839

Denominator:

Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	241,966	254,238	242,324	254,090
Incremental shares issuable from assumed exercise of stock options		97		116
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	241,966	254,335	242,324	254,206

Weighted average unvested share-based payment awards

	5,533	4,156	5,500	4,172
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Earnings per share

Basic

Continuing operations	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.54	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.14
Discontinued operations		0.37		0.76

Net income attributable to Noble-UK	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.91	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.90
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Diluted

Continuing operations	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.54	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.14
Discontinued operations		0.37		0.76

Net income attributable to Noble-UK	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.91	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.90
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Dividends per share

	\$ 0.375	\$ 0.375	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.75
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Only those items having a dilutive impact on our basic earnings per share are included in diluted earnings per share. For the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, approximately 2 million and 1 million shares underlying stock options, respectively, were excluded from the diluted earnings per share as such stock options were not dilutive.

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Share capital

As of June 30, 2015, Noble-UK had approximately 242.0 million shares outstanding and trading as compared to approximately 247.5 million shares outstanding and trading at December 31, 2014. The decrease in shares outstanding is primarily related to the repurchase of 6.2 million shares pursuant to our approved share repurchase program, discussed below. Our Board of Directors may increase our share capital through the issuance of up to 53 million authorized shares (at current nominal value of \$0.01 per share) without obtaining shareholder approval.

Our most recent quarterly dividend payment to shareholders, totaling approximately \$93 million (or \$0.375 per share), was declared on April 24, 2015 and paid on May 14, 2015 to holders of record on May 4, 2015.

Share repurchases

Under UK law, the company is only permitted to purchase its own shares by way of an off-market purchase in a plan approved by shareholders. In December 2014, we received shareholder approval to repurchase up to 37,000,000 ordinary shares, or approximately 15 percent of our outstanding ordinary shares at the time of the shareholder approval. Any repurchases are expected to be funded using cash on hand, cash from operations or short-term borrowings under our Credit Facilities. The authority to make such repurchases will expire on the later of April 2016 or the end of the Company's 2016 annual general meeting of shareholders, at which time we could seek shareholder approval for further repurchases. During the six months ended June 30, 2015, we repurchased 6.2 million of our ordinary shares covered by this authorization for a total cost of approximately \$101 million. During the three months ended June 30, 2015, we did not repurchase any of our shares.

Note 6 Receivables from Customers

At June 30, 2015, we had receivables of approximately \$14 million related to the *Noble Max Smith* that are being disputed by our former customer, Petróleos Mexicanos (Pemex). These receivables have been classified as long-term and are included in Other assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheet. The disputed amounts relate to lost revenues for downtime that occurred after our rig was damaged when one of Pemex's supply boats collided with our rig in 2010. In January 2012, we filed a lawsuit against Pemex in a Mexican court seeking recovery of these amounts. While we can make no assurances as to the outcome of this dispute, we believe we are entitled to the disputed amounts.

Note 7 Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, at cost, as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 for Noble-UK consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Drilling equipment and facilities	\$ 13,691,525	\$ 13,254,240
Construction in progress	683,410	969,985
Other	236,028	218,697
Property and equipment, at cost	\$ 14,610,963	\$ 14,442,922

Capital expenditures, including capitalized interest, totaled \$170 million and \$1.2 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Capitalized interest was \$6 million and \$12 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, as compared to \$13 million and \$27 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014.

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Capital expenditures related to Paragon Offshore for the six months ended June 30, 2014 totaled \$135 million. Depreciation expense for Paragon Offshore that was classified as discontinued operations totaled \$102 million and \$201 million, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014.

Note 8 Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Senior unsecured notes:		
3.45% Senior Notes due August 2015	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
3.05% Senior Notes due March 2016	299,990	299,982
2.50% Senior Notes due March 2017	299,938	299,920
4.00% Senior Notes due March 2018	249,516	
7.50% Senior Notes due March 2019	201,695	201,695
4.90% Senior Notes due August 2020	499,218	499,151
4.625% Senior Notes due March 2021	399,653	399,627
3.95% Senior Notes due March 2022	399,309	399,264
5.95% Senior Notes due April 2025	448,767	
6.20% Senior Notes due August 2040	399,895	399,895
6.05% Senior Notes due March 2041	397,700	397,681
5.25% Senior Notes due March 2042	498,324	498,310
6.95% Senior Notes due April 2045	394,536	
Total senior unsecured notes	4,838,541	3,745,525
Credit facilities & commercial paper program		1,123,495
Total debt	4,838,541	4,869,020
Less: Current maturities	(350,000)	
Long-term debt	\$ 4,488,541	\$ 4,869,020

Credit Facilities and Commercial Paper Program

We currently have two credit facilities with an aggregate maximum capacity of \$2.7 billion, which are comprised of a five year \$2.4 billion senior unsecured credit facility that matures in January 2020 and a \$225 million 364-day senior unsecured credit facility that matures in January 2016 (together, the Credit Facilities).

We have a commercial paper program that allows us to issue up to \$2.4 billion in unsecured commercial paper notes. Amounts issued under the commercial paper program are supported by the unused capacity under our Credit Facilities and, therefore, are classified as long-term on our Consolidated Balance Sheet. The outstanding amounts of commercial paper reduce availability under our Credit Facilities.

The \$2.4 billion facility provides us with the ability to issue up to \$500 million in letters of credit. The issuance of letters of credit under the facility reduces the amount available for borrowing. At June 30, 2015, we had no letters of credit issued under the facility.

Senior Unsecured Notes

In March 2015, our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, Noble Holding International Limited (NHIL), issued \$1.1 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes in three separate tranches, comprised of \$250 million of 4.00% Senior Notes due 2018, \$450 million of 5.95% Senior Notes due 2025, and \$400 million of 6.95% Senior Notes due 2045. The weighted average coupon of all three tranches is 5.87%. The interest rate on these senior notes

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may be increased if the credit rating applicable to the notes is downgraded below certain specified levels. The net proceeds of approximately \$1.08 billion, after expenses, were used to repay indebtedness outstanding under our Credit Facilities and commercial paper program.

On August 1, 2015, our \$350 million 3.45% Senior Notes matured, which we repaid using cash on hand. We have, therefore, classified these balances as Current maturities of long-term debt on our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2015.

Our \$300 million 3.05% Senior Notes mature during the first quarter of 2016. We anticipate using availability under our Credit Facilities to repay the outstanding balances; therefore, we continue to report these balances as long-term as of June 30, 2015.

Covenants

The Credit Facilities are guaranteed by NHIL and Noble Holding Corporation (NHC). The covenants and events of default under the two Credit Facilities are substantially similar, and each facility contains a covenant that limits our ratio of debt to total tangible capitalization, as defined in the Credit Facilities, to 0.60. At June 30, 2015, our ratio of debt to total tangible capitalization was approximately 0.40. We were in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Facilities as of June 30, 2015.

In addition to the covenants from the Credit Facilities noted above, the indentures governing our outstanding senior unsecured notes contain covenants that place restrictions on certain merger and consolidation transactions, unless we are the surviving entity or the other party assumes the obligations under the indenture, and on the ability to sell or transfer all or substantially all of our assets. In addition, there are restrictions on incurring or assuming certain liens and on entering into sale and lease-back transactions. At June 30, 2015, we were in compliance with all of our debt covenants. We continually monitor compliance with the covenants under our notes and expect to remain in compliance during the remainder of 2015.

Fair Value of Debt

Fair value represents the amount at which an instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. The estimated fair value of our senior notes was based on the quoted market prices for similar issues or on the current rates offered to us for debt of similar remaining maturities (Level 2 measurement). All remaining fair value disclosures are presented in Note 12.

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The following table presents the estimated fair value of our total debt as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively:

	June 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Value	Estimated Fair Value
Senior unsecured notes:				
3.45% Senior Notes due August 2015	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,341	\$ 350,000	\$ 354,992
3.05% Senior Notes due March 2016	299,990	302,419	299,982	302,515
2.50% Senior Notes due March 2017	299,938	299,126	299,920	287,014
4.00% Senior Notes due March 2018	249,516	255,442		
7.50% Senior Notes due March 2019	201,695	223,947	201,695	212,068
4.90% Senior Notes due August 2020	499,218	514,130	499,151	471,095
4.625% Senior Notes due March 2021	399,653	396,118	399,627	363,837
3.95% Senior Notes due March 2022	399,309	367,077	399,264	346,425
5.95% Senior Notes due April 2025	448,767	442,302		
6.20% Senior Notes due August 2040	399,895	338,989	399,895	350,351
6.05% Senior Notes due March 2041	397,700	329,678	397,681	343,653
5.25% Senior Notes due March 2042	498,324	376,746	498,310	385,181
6.95% Senior Notes due April 2045	394,536	367,827		
Total senior unsecured notes	4,838,541	4,564,142	3,745,525	3,417,131
Credit facilities & commercial paper program			1,123,495	1,123,495
Total debt	\$ 4,838,541	\$ 4,564,142	\$ 4,869,020	\$ 4,540,626

Note 9 Income Taxes

At June 30, 2015, the reserves for uncertain tax positions totaled \$112 million (net of related tax benefits of \$1 million). If the June 30, 2015 reserves are not realized, the provision for income taxes would be reduced by \$112 million. At December 31, 2014, the reserves for uncertain tax positions totaled \$116 million (net of related tax benefits of \$1 million).

It is reasonably possible that our existing liabilities related to our reserve for uncertain tax positions may increase or decrease in the next 12 months primarily due to the completion of open audits or the expiration of statutes of limitation. However, we cannot reasonably estimate a range of changes in our existing liabilities due to various uncertainties, such as the unresolved nature of various audits.

Note 10 Employee Benefit Plans

Pension costs include the following components for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			
	2015		2014	
	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.
Service cost	\$ 846	\$ 2,149	\$ 1,433	\$ 2,541
Interest cost	632	2,300	1,472	2,714
Return on plan assets	(911)	(3,286)	(1,856)	(3,846)
Amortization of prior service cost	26	36	(5)	56
Recognized net actuarial loss	110	1,539	316	651
Net pension expense	\$ 703	\$ 2,738	\$ 1,360	\$ 2,116

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Included in net pension expense for the three months ended June 30, 2014 for our non-U.S. and U.S. plans was approximately \$0.8 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, related to Paragon Offshore that was classified as discontinued operations.

Pension costs include the following components for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2015		2014	
	Non-U.S.	U.S.	Non-U.S.	U.S.
Service cost	\$ 1,720	\$ 4,298	\$ 2,853	\$ 5,082
Interest cost	1,274	4,599	2,928	5,428
Return on plan assets	(1,837)	(6,573)	(3,691)	(7,692)
Amortization of prior service cost	53	71	(10)	112
Recognized net actuarial loss	155	3,079	629	1,302
Net pension expense	\$ 1,365	\$ 5,474	\$ 2,709	\$ 4,232

Included in net pension expense for the six months ended June 30, 2014 for our non-U.S. and U.S. plans was approximately \$2 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, related to Paragon Offshore that was classified as discontinued operations.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, we made contributions to our pension plans totaling approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively.

Note 11 Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

We periodically enter into derivative instruments to manage our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. We have documented policies and procedures to monitor and control the use of derivative instruments. We do not engage in derivative transactions for speculative or trading purposes, nor are we a party to leveraged derivatives.

For foreign currency forward contracts, hedge effectiveness is evaluated at inception based on the matching of critical terms between derivative contracts and the hedged item. Any change in fair value resulting from ineffectiveness is recognized immediately in earnings.

Cash Flow Hedges

Several of our regional shorebases, including our North Sea, Australian and Brazilian operations, have a significant amount of their cash operating expenses payable in local currencies. To limit the potential risk of currency fluctuations, we periodically enter into forward contracts, which settle monthly in the operations' respective local currencies. All of these contracts have a maturity of less than 12 months. The forward contract settlements in the remainder of 2015 represent approximately 60 percent of these forecasted local currency requirements. The notional amount of the forward contracts outstanding, expressed in U.S. Dollars, was approximately \$47 million at June 30, 2015. Total unrealized losses related to these forward contracts were approximately \$0.1 million as of June 30, 2015 and were recorded as part of Accumulated other comprehensive loss (AOCL).

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Financial Statement Presentation

The following table, together with Note 12, summarizes the financial statement presentation and fair value of our derivative positions as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	Balance sheet classification	Estimated fair value	
		June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Asset derivatives			
Cash flow hedges			
Short-term foreign currency forward contracts	Other current assets	\$ 1,103	\$
Liability derivatives			
Cash flow hedges			
Short-term foreign currency forward contracts	Other current liabilities	\$ 1,194	\$

To supplement the fair value disclosures in Note 12, the following summarizes the recognized gains and losses of cash flow hedges and non-designated derivatives through AOCL or through contract drilling services expense for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Gain/(loss) recognized through AOCL		Gain/(loss) reclassified from AOCL to contract drilling services expense		Gain/(loss) recognized through contract drilling services expense	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
	Cash flow hedges					
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$ 479	\$ 5,067	\$ (570)	\$ 1,585	\$	\$

To supplement the fair value disclosures in Note 12, the following summarizes the recognized gains and losses of cash flow hedges and non-designated derivatives through AOCL or through contract drilling services expense for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Gain/(loss) recognized through AOCL		Gain/(loss) reclassified from AOCL to contract drilling services expense		Gain/(loss) recognized through contract drilling services expense	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Cash flow hedges						
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$ 513	\$ 3,873	\$ (604)	\$ 2,779	\$	\$

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Note 12 Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following tables present the carrying amount and estimated fair value of our financial instruments recognized at fair value on a recurring basis:

	Carrying Amount	June 30, 2015 Estimated Fair Value Measurements		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets -				
Marketable securities	\$ 7,170	\$ 7,170	\$	\$
Foreign currency forward contracts	1,103		1,103	
Liabilities -				
Foreign currency forward contracts	\$ 1,194	\$	\$ 1,194	\$

	Carrying Amount	December 31, 2014 Estimated Fair Value Measurements		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets -				
Marketable securities	\$ 6,175	\$ 6,175	\$	\$

The foreign currency forward contracts have been valued using actively quoted prices and quotes obtained from the counterparties to the contracts. Our cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable are by their nature short-term. As a result, the carrying values included in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets approximate fair value.

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Note 13 Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following tables set forth the components of, and changes in the accumulated balances for each component of, AOCL for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. All amounts within the tables are shown net of tax.

	Gains / (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges⁽¹⁾	Defined Benefit Pension Items⁽²⁾	Foreign Currency Items	Total
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$	\$ (58,598)	\$ (23,566)	\$ (82,164)
Activity during period:				
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	9,431		2,720	12,151
Amounts reclassified from AOCL	(2,779)	1,528		(1,251)
Net other comprehensive income	6,652	1,528	2,720	10,900
Balance at June 30, 2014	\$ 6,652	\$ (57,070)	\$ (20,846)	\$ (71,264)
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$	\$ (58,440)	\$ (10,978)	\$ (69,418)
Activity during period:				
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(695)		(1,874)	(2,569)
Amounts reclassified from AOCL	604	2,210		2,814
Net other comprehensive income (loss)	(91)	2,210	(1,874)	245
Balance at June 30, 2015	\$ (91)	\$ (56,230)	\$ (12,852)	\$ (69,173)

- (1) Gains / (losses) on cash flow hedges are related to our foreign currency forward contracts. Reclassifications from AOCL are recognized through contract drilling services expense on our Consolidated Statements of Income. See Note 11 for additional information.
- (2) Defined benefit pension items relate to actuarial changes, the amortization of prior service costs and curtailment and settlement expenses. Reclassifications from AOCL are recognized as expense on our Consolidated Statements of Income through either contract drilling services or general and administrative . See Note 10 for additional information.

Note 14 Commitments and Contingencies

The *Noble Homer Ferrington* was under contract with a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corporation (Exxon), which entered into an assignment agreement with British Petroleum plc (BP) for a two-well farmout of the rig in Libya after successfully drilling two wells with the rig for Exxon. In August 2010, BP attempted to terminate the assignment agreement claiming that the rig was not in the required condition, and Exxon informed us that we must look to BP for payment of the dayrate during the assignment period. In August 2010, we initiated arbitration proceedings under the drilling contract against the Libyan operating subsidiaries of both BP and Exxon (the Defendants). The arbitration panel issued an award in our favor for the amount of \$136 million plus interest and fees, and on July 10, 2015, the period under which the Defendants could seek clarification or correction of the award under the applicable arbitration rules expired. On July 31, 2015, BP paid us \$149 million under the award, and we expect Exxon to promptly resolve their portion of the award. We anticipate recognizing award amounts received in our statement of operations during the third quarter.

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In December 2014, one of our subsidiaries reached a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) regarding our drillship, the *Noble Discoverer*, and the *Kulluk* in respect of violations of applicable law discovered in connection with a 2012 coast guard inspection in Alaska and our own subsequent internal investigation. Under the terms of the agreement, the subsidiary pled guilty to oil record book, ballast record and required hazardous condition reporting violations with respect to the *Noble Discoverer* and an oil record book violation with respect to the *Kulluk*. The subsidiary paid \$8.2 million in fines and \$4 million in community service payments, and was placed on probation for four years, provided that we may petition the court for early dismissal of probation after three years. If during the term of probation, the subsidiary fails to adhere to the terms of the plea agreement, the DOJ may withdraw from the plea agreement and would be free to prosecute the subsidiary on all charges arising out of its investigation, including any charges dismissed pursuant to the terms of the plea agreement, as well as potentially other charges. We also implemented a comprehensive environmental compliance plan in connection with the settlement.

We have used a commercial agent in Brazil in connection with our Petr leo Brasileiro S.A. (Petrobras) drilling contracts. We understand that this agent has represented a number of different companies in Brazil over many years, including several offshore drilling contractors. Recent reports indicate that this agent has entered into a plea agreement in Brazil in connection with the award of a drilling contract to a competitor, and has implicated a Petrobras official as part of a wider investigation of Petrobras business practices. We are not aware of any improper activity by Noble in connection with contracts that Noble has entered into with Petrobras, and we have not been contacted by any authorities regarding such contracts or the investigation into Petrobras business practices.

We are from time to time a party to various lawsuits that are incidental to our operations in which the claimants seek an unspecified amount of monetary damages for personal injury, including injuries purportedly resulting from exposure to asbestos on drilling rigs and associated facilities. At June 30, 2015, there were 45 asbestos related lawsuits in which we are one of many defendants. These lawsuits have been filed in the United States in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. We intend to vigorously defend against the litigation. We do not believe the ultimate resolution of these matters will have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

We are a defendant in certain claims and litigation arising out of operations in the ordinary course of business, the resolution of which, in the opinion of management, will not be material to our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. There is inherent risk in any litigation or dispute and no assurance can be given as to the outcome of these claims.

We operate in a number of countries throughout the world and our tax returns filed in those jurisdictions are subject to review and examination by tax authorities within those jurisdictions. During the first quarter of 2014, the IRS began its examination of our tax reporting in the U.S. for the taxable years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011. We believe that we have accurately reported all amounts in our 2010 and 2011 tax returns. We believe the ultimate resolution of the outstanding assessments in the U.S., for which we have not made any accrual, will not have a material adverse

effect on our consolidated financial statements. We recognize uncertain tax positions that we believe have a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being sustained. We cannot predict or provide assurance as to the ultimate outcome of any existing or future assessments.

Audit claims of approximately \$110 million attributable to income, customs and other business taxes have been assessed against us in Mexico and Brazil. Tax assessments of approximately \$52 million have been made against Noble entities in Mexico, of which approximately \$38 million relates to Paragon Offshore assets that operated through Noble-retained entities in Mexico prior to the Spin-off. Paragon Offshore has received tax assessments of approximately \$220 million against Paragon Offshore entities in Mexico, of which approximately \$50 million relates to Noble assets that operated through Paragon Offshore-retained entities in Mexico prior to the Spin-off. In Brazil, Paragon Offshore has received tax assessments of approximately \$150 million, of which \$46 million relates to Noble assets that operated through a Paragon Offshore-retained entity in Brazil prior to the Spin-off. Under the TSA, Paragon Offshore must indemnify us for all assessed amounts that are related to Paragon Offshore's Mexico assets, approximately \$38 million as noted above, and we must indemnify Paragon Offshore for all assessed amounts that are related to Noble's Mexico and Brazil assets, approximately \$50 million and \$46 million, respectively, as noted above, if and when such payments become due.

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We have contested, or intend to contest or cooperate with Paragon Offshore where it is contesting, the assessments described above, including through litigation if necessary, and we believe the ultimate resolution, for which we have not made any accrual, will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial statements. Tax authorities may issue additional assessments or pursue legal actions as a result of tax audits and we cannot predict or provide assurance as to the ultimate outcome of such assessments and legal actions or our ability to collect indemnities from Paragon Offshore under the TSA.

On January 23, 2015, Noble received an official notification of a ruling from the Second Chamber of the Supreme Court in Mexico. The ruling settled an ongoing dispute in Mexico relating to the classification of a Noble subsidiary's business activity and the applicable rate of depreciation under the Mexican law applicable to the activities of that subsidiary. The ruling did not result in any additional tax liability to Noble. Additionally, the ruling is only applicable to the Noble subsidiary named in the ruling and, therefore, does not establish the depreciation rate applicable to the assets of other Noble subsidiaries. We will continue to contest future assessments received. Any claim by the tax authorities relating to this depreciation issue would be related to the businesses transferred to Paragon Offshore in the Spin-off and, therefore, would be subject to indemnification by Paragon Offshore under the TSA.

We have been notified by Petrobras that it is currently challenging assessments by Brazilian tax authorities of withholding taxes associated with the provision of drilling rigs for its operations in Brazil during 2008 and 2009. Petrobras has also notified us that if Petrobras must ultimately pay such withholding taxes, it will seek reimbursement from us for the portion allocable to our drilling rigs. The amount of withholding tax that Petrobras indicates may be allocable to Noble drilling rigs is R\$79 million (approximately \$25 million). We believe that our contract with Petrobras requires Petrobras to indemnify us for these withholding taxes. We will, if necessary, vigorously defend our rights.

We maintain certain insurance coverage against specified marine perils, which includes physical damage and loss of hire. The rigs in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico are self-insured for named windstorm perils. In addition, we maintain a physical damage deductible on our rigs of \$25 million per occurrence. The loss of hire coverage applies only to our rigs operating under contract with a dayrate equal to or greater than \$200,000 a day and is subject to a 45-day waiting period for each unit and each occurrence.

Although we maintain insurance in the geographic areas in which we operate, pollution, reservoir damage and environmental risks generally are not fully insurable. Our insurance policies and contractual rights to indemnity may not adequately cover our losses or may have exclusions of coverage for some losses. We do not have insurance coverage or rights to indemnity for all risks, including loss of hire insurance on most of the rigs in our fleet. Uninsured exposures may include expatriate activities prohibited by U.S. laws and regulations, radiation hazards, certain loss or damage to property on board our rigs and losses relating to shore-based terrorist acts, strikes or cyber risks. If a significant accident or other event occurs and is not fully covered by insurance or contractual indemnity, it could materially adversely affect our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Additionally, there can be no

assurance that those parties with contractual obligations to indemnify us will necessarily be financially able to indemnify us against all these risks.

We carry protection and indemnity insurance covering marine third party liability exposures, which also includes coverage for employer's liability resulting from personal injury to our offshore drilling crews. Our protection and indemnity policy currently has a standard deductible of \$10 million per occurrence, with maximum liability coverage of \$750 million.

In connection with our capital expenditure program, we had outstanding commitments, including shipyard and purchase commitments of approximately \$697 million at June 30, 2015.

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We have entered into agreements with certain of our executive officers, as well as certain other employees. These agreements become effective upon a change of control of Noble-UK (within the meaning set forth in the agreements) or a termination of employment in connection with or in anticipation of a change of control, and remain effective for three years thereafter. These agreements provide for compensation and certain other benefits under such circumstances.

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Note 15 Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-08, which amends FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 205, Presentation of Financial Statements and ASC Topic 360, Property, Plant, and Equipment. This ASU alters the definition of a discontinued operation to cover only asset disposals that are a strategic shift with a major effect on an entity's operations and finances, and calls for more extensive disclosures about a discontinued operation's assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The guidance is effective for all disposals, or classifications as held-for-sale, of components of an entity that occur within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014. This standard was not early adopted in connection with the Spin-Off. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, which amends ASC Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The amendments in this ASU are intended to provide a more robust framework for addressing revenue issues, improve comparability of revenue recognition practices and improve disclosure requirements. Under the deferred adoption date, the new guidance will be effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-12, which amends ASC Topic 718, Compensation-Stock Compensation. The guidance requires that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition and should not be reflected in the estimate of the grant-date fair value of the award. The guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The guidance can be applied prospectively for all awards granted or modified after the effective date or retrospectively to all awards with performance targets outstanding as of the beginning of the earliest annual period presented in the financial statements and to all new or modified awards thereafter. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15, which amends ASC Subtopic 205-40, Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to continue as a Going Concern. The amendments in this ASU provide guidance related to management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. The amendments are effective for the annual period ending after December 15, 2016, and for annual periods and interim periods thereafter. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In January 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-01, which amends ASC Subtopic 225-20, Income Statement Extraordinary and Unusual Items. The amendment in this ASU eliminates from GAAP the concept of extraordinary

items. The amendments in this update are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02 which amends ASC Subtopic 810, Consolidations. This amendment affects reporting entities that are required to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities. Specifically, the amendments modify the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are VIEs or voting interest entities; eliminate the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership; affect the consolidation analysis of reporting entities that are involved with VIEs, particularly those that have fee arrangements and related party relationships. The standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The standard may be applied retrospectively or through a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the year of adoption. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

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In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03 which amends ASC Subtopic 835-30, Interest Imputation of Interest. The guidance requires debt issuance costs to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct reduction from the associated debt liability. The standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted for financial statements that have not been previously issued. The new guidance will be applied on a retrospective basis. We are evaluating what impact the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-04 which amends ASC Topic 715, Compensation Retirement Benefits. The guidance gives an employer whose fiscal year end does not coincide with a calendar month end the ability, as a practical expedient, to measure defined benefit retirement obligations and related plan assets as of the month end that is closest to its fiscal year end. The ASU also provides a similar practical expedient for interim remeasurements of significant events. The standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

Note 16 Supplemental Financial Information

Consolidated Balance Sheets Information

Deferred revenues from drilling contracts totaled \$223 million and \$263 million at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. Such amounts are included in either Other current liabilities or Other liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, based upon our expected time of recognition. Related expenses deferred under drilling contracts totaled \$90 million at June 30, 2015 as compared to \$94 million at December 31, 2014, and are included in either Prepaid expenses and other current assets or Other assets in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, based upon our expected time of recognition.

In April 2015, we agreed to contract dayrate reductions for five rigs working for Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Aramco), which are effective from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. In accordance with accounting guidance, we are recognizing the reductions on a straight-line basis over the remaining life of the existing Aramco contracts. At June 30, 2015, revenues recorded in excess of billings as a result of this recognition totaled \$37 million, and are included in Other assets in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Information

The net effect of changes in other assets and liabilities on cash flows from operating activities is as follows:

	Noble-UK		Noble-Cayman	
	Six months ended		Six months ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Accounts receivable	\$ 28,673	\$ 67,689	\$ 28,673	\$ 67,689
Other current assets	68,667	(47,537)	48,106	(48,834)
Other assets	39,132	(39,612)	18,838	(39,603)
Accounts payable	(9,915)	17,497	(7,947)	5,073
Other current liabilities	(19,481)	(46,749)	(10,350)	(34,454)
Other liabilities	(32,592)	12,888	(32,594)	12,888
	\$ 74,484	\$(35,824)	\$ 44,726	\$(37,241)

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Note 17 Information about Noble-Cayman***Guarantees of Registered Securities***

Noble-Cayman, or one or more wholly-owned subsidiaries of Noble-Cayman, are a co-issuer or full and unconditional guarantor or otherwise obligated as of June 30, 2015 as follows:

Notes	Issuer (Co-Issuer(s))	Guarantor
\$350 million 3.45% Senior Notes due 2015	NHIL	Noble-Cayman
\$300 million 3.05% Senior Notes due 2016	NHIL	Noble-Cayman
\$300 million 2.50% Senior Notes due 2017	NHIL	Noble-Cayman
\$250 million 4.00% Senior Notes due 2018	NHIL	Noble-Cayman
\$202 million 7.50% Senior Notes due 2019	NHC	Noble-Cayman
	Noble Drilling Holding, LLC (NDH)	
	Noble Drilling Services 6 LLC (NDS6)	
\$500 million 4.90% Senior Notes due 2020	NHIL	Noble-Cayman
\$400 million 4.625% Senior Notes due 2021	NHIL	Noble-Cayman
\$400 million 3.95% Senior Notes due 2022	NHIL	Noble-Cayman
\$450 million 5.95% Senior Notes due 2025	NHIL	Noble-Cayman
\$400 million 6.20% Senior Notes due 2040	NHIL	Noble-Cayman
\$400 million 6.05% Senior Notes due 2041	NHIL	Noble-Cayman
\$500 million 5.25% Senior Notes due 2042	NHIL	Noble-Cayman
	NHIL	Noble-Cayman

\$400 million 6.95% Senior
Notes due 2045

The following condensed consolidating financial statements of Noble-Cayman, NHC, NDH, NHIL, NDS6 and all other subsidiaries present investments in both consolidated and unconsolidated affiliates using the equity method of accounting.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2015

(in thousands)

	Noble- Cayman	NHC	NDH	NHIL	NDS6	Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble	Consolidating Adjustments	Total
ASSETS								
Current assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 29		\$ 126			\$ 244,965		\$ 245,120
Accounts receivable			16,141			524,282		540,423
Taxes receivable		16,063	281			43,813		60,157
Short-term notes receivable from affiliates	125,330		1,077,965		333,965	171,925	(1,709,185)	
Accounts receivable from affiliates	693,834	437,455	234,677	1,164,504	121,829	4,258,806	(6,911,105)	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,436		4,961			132,207		138,604
Total current assets	820,629	453,518	1,334,151	1,164,504	455,794	5,375,998	(8,620,290)	984,304
Property and equipment, at cost			2,081,631			12,490,780		14,572,411
Accumulated depreciation			(315,372)			(2,312,354)		(2,627,726)
Property and equipment, net			1,766,259			10,178,426		11,944,685
Notes receivable	3,304,653		236,920	1,980,391	5,000	1,583,587	(7,110,551)	

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from affiliates								
Investments in affiliates	4,971,977	1,316,576	2,913,930	8,777,006	6,634,018		(24,613,507)	
Other assets	6,773		6,523	27,668	455	179,345		220,764
Total assets	\$ 9,104,032	\$ 1,770,094	\$ 6,257,783	\$ 11,949,569	\$ 7,095,267	\$ 17,317,356	\$ (40,344,348)	\$ 13,149,753
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY								
Current liabilities								
Short-term notes payables from affiliates	\$	\$ 171,925	\$	\$	\$ 371,720	\$ 1,165,540	\$ (1,709,185)	\$
Current maturities of long-term debt				350,000				350,000
Accounts payable			7,658			210,408		218,066
Accrued payroll and related costs			6,412			67,993		74,405
Accounts payable to affiliates	717,632	65,849	3,460,644	78,638	23,959	2,564,383	(6,911,105)	
Taxes payable						107,716		107,716
Interest payable				75,888	4,412			80,300
Other current liabilities	273		7,097			100,197		107,567
Total current liabilities	717,905	237,774	3,481,811	504,526	400,091	4,216,237	(8,620,290)	938,054
Long-term debt				4,286,846	201,695			4,488,541
Notes payable to affiliates	1,769,064		600,874	1,169,181	192,215	3,379,217	(7,110,551)	
Deferred income taxes						104,402		104,402
Other liabilities	19,929		27,703			257,306		304,938
Total liabilities	2,506,898	237,774	4,110,388	5,960,553	794,001	7,957,162	(15,730,841)	5,835,935
Commitments and contingencies								
	6,597,134	1,532,320	2,147,395	5,989,016	6,301,266	8,221,330	(24,191,327)	6,597,134

Total shareholder equity								
Noncontrolling interests						1,138,864	(422,180)	716,684
Total equity	6,597,134	1,532,320	2,147,395	5,989,016	6,301,266	9,360,194	(24,613,507)	7,313,818
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 9,104,032	\$ 1,770,094	\$ 6,257,783	\$ 11,949,569	\$ 7,095,267	\$ 17,317,356	\$ (40,344,348)	\$ 13,149,753

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2014

(in thousands)

	Noble- Cayman	NHC	NDH	NHIL	NDS6	Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble	Consolidating Adjustments	Total
ASSETS								
Current assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5	\$	\$ 254	\$	\$	\$ 65,521	\$	\$ 65,780
Accounts receivable			37,655	2,336		529,105		569,096
Taxes receivable		63,373	752			43,164		107,289
Short-term notes receivable from affiliates	123,449		1,077,965		333,966	171,925	(1,707,305)	
Accounts receivable from affiliates	2,019,319	374,012	192,771	157,164	125,834	4,191,406	(7,060,506)	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	14,274		1,764			123,631		139,669
Total current assets	2,157,047	437,385	1,311,161	159,500	459,800	5,124,752	(8,767,811)	881,834
Property and equipment, at cost								
			2,040,168			12,364,203		14,404,371
Accumulated depreciation			(278,147)			(2,040,073)		(2,318,220)
Property and equipment, net			1,762,021			10,324,130		12,086,151
Notes receivable	3,304,654		236,921	1,980,391	5,000	1,581,429	(7,108,395)	

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from affiliates								
Investments in affiliates	4,567,335	1,318,239	2,921,452	8,266,444	6,290,918		(23,364,388)	
Other assets	2,908		6,212	19,826	517	192,791		222,254
Total assets	\$ 10,031,944	\$ 1,755,624	\$ 6,237,767	\$ 10,426,161	\$ 6,756,235	\$ 17,223,102	\$ (39,240,594)	\$ 13,190,239
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY								
Current liabilities								
Short-term notes payables from affiliates	\$	\$ 171,925	\$	\$	\$ 371,720	\$ 1,163,660	\$ (1,707,305)	\$
Accounts payable	600		10,130			250,282		261,012
Accrued payroll and related costs			7,738			83,749		91,487
Accounts payable to affiliates	606,224	63,602	3,513,705	61,982	16,869	2,798,124	(7,060,506)	
Taxes payable						91,471		91,471
Interest payable	499			57,053	4,412			61,964
Other current liabilities	15,651		13,409			110,890		139,950
Total current liabilities	622,974	235,527	3,544,982	119,035	393,001	4,498,176	(8,767,811)	645,884
Long-term debt	1,123,495			3,543,830	201,695			4,869,020
Notes payable to affiliates	1,769,068		598,715	1,169,180	192,216	3,379,216	(7,108,395)	
Deferred income taxes						120,589		120,589
Other liabilities	19,929		29,093			286,942		335,964
Total liabilities	3,535,466	235,527	4,172,790	4,832,045	786,912	8,284,923	(15,876,206)	5,971,457
Commitments and contingencies								
Total shareholder equity	6,496,478	1,520,097	2,064,977	5,594,116	5,969,323	7,812,656	(22,961,169)	6,496,478
						1,125,523	(403,219)	722,304

Noncontrolling
interests

Total equity	6,496,478	1,520,097	2,064,977	5,594,116	5,969,323	8,938,179	(23,364,388)	7,218,782
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**Total
liabilities and
equity**

	\$ 10,031,944	\$ 1,755,624	\$ 6,237,767	\$ 10,426,161	\$ 6,756,235	\$ 17,223,102	\$ (39,240,594)	\$ 13,190,239
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF INCOME

Three Months Ended June 30, 2015

(in thousands)

	Noble- Cayman	NHC	NDH	NHIL	NDS6	Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble	Consolidating Adjustments	Total
Operating revenues								
Contract drilling services	\$	\$	\$ 64,269	\$	\$	\$ 755,585	\$ (48,547)	\$ 771,307
Reimbursables			8,537			13,711		22,248
Total operating revenues			72,806			769,296	(48,547)	793,555
Operating costs and expenses								
Contract drilling services	2,792	8,302	17,864	23,389		315,167	(48,547)	318,967
Reimbursables			3,299			14,353		17,652
Depreciation and amortization			20,683			138,114		158,797
General and administrative	482	3,672		9,045	1	309		13,509
Total operating costs and expenses	3,274	11,974	41,846	32,434	1	467,943	(48,547)	508,925
Operating income (loss)	(3,274)	(11,974)	30,960	(32,434)	(1)	301,353		284,630
Other income (expense)								
Income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates	187,575	34,898	37,017	248,725	164,049		(672,264)	
Income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates - discontinued								

operations, net of
tax

Total income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates	187,575	34,898	37,017	248,725	164,049		(672,264)	
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	(21,133)	(1,229)	(3,310)	(60,552)	(7,753)	(14,215)	50,727	(57,465)
Interest income and other, net	3,743	(1)	14,275	21,011	1,414	8,384	(50,727)	(1,901)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	166,911	21,694	78,942	176,750	157,709	295,522	(672,264)	225,264
Income tax provision		(17,592)	(1,397)			(20,547)		(39,536)
Net income from continuing operations	166,911	4,102	77,545	176,750	157,709	274,975	(672,264)	185,728
Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax								
Net Income	166,911	4,102	77,545	176,750	157,709	274,975	(672,264)	185,728
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests						(27,360)	8,543	(18,817)
Net income attributable to Noble Corporation	166,911	4,102	77,545	176,750	157,709	247,615	(663,721)	166,911
Other comprehensive income, net	5,608					5,608	(5,608)	5,608
Comprehensive income attributable to Noble Corporation	\$ 172,519	\$ 4,102	\$ 77,545	\$ 176,750	\$ 157,709	\$ 253,223	\$ (669,329)	\$ 172,519

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF INCOME

Six Months Ended June 30, 2015

(in thousands)

	Noble- Cayman	NHC	NDH	NHIL	NDS6	Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble	Consolidating Adjustments	Total
Operating revenues								
Contract drilling services	\$	\$	\$ 139,328	\$	\$	\$ 1,493,392	\$ (82,052)	\$ 1,550,668
Reimbursables			10,916			36,313		47,229
Total operating revenues			150,244			1,529,705	(82,052)	1,597,897
Operating costs and expenses								
Contract drilling services	4,607	16,593	47,242	46,228		605,828	(82,052)	638,446
Reimbursables			4,781			33,028		37,809
Depreciation and amortization			38,051			274,612		312,663
General and administrative	939	7,060		17,394	1	323		25,717
Total operating costs and expenses	5,546	23,653	90,074	63,622	1	913,791	(82,052)	1,014,635
Operating income (loss)	(5,546)	(23,653)	60,170	(63,622)	(1)	615,914		583,262
Other income (expense)								
Income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates	404,301	66,979	92,041	538,483	343,099		(1,444,903)	
Income (loss) of unconsolidated								

affiliates -
discontinued
operations, net
of tax

Total income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates	404,301	66,979	92,041	538,483	343,099		(1,444,903)	
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	(45,886)	(2,248)	(6,565)	(108,888)	(13,969)	(27,942)	98,989	(106,509)
Interest income and other, net	6,473	4,831	26,987	41,790	2,813	20,642	(98,989)	4,547
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	359,342	45,909	172,633	407,763	331,942	608,614	(1,444,903)	481,300
Income tax provision		(33,685)	(1,776)			(47,633)		(83,094)
Net income from continuing operations	359,342	12,224	170,857	407,763	331,942	560,981	(1,444,903)	398,206
Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax								
Net Income	359,342	12,224	170,857	407,763	331,942	560,981	(1,444,903)	398,206
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests						(57,824)	18,960	(38,864)
Net income attributable to Noble Corporation	359,342	12,224	170,857	407,763	331,942	503,157	(1,425,943)	359,342
Other comprehensive income, net	245					245	(245)	245
Comprehensive income attributable to	\$ 359,587	\$ 12,224	\$ 170,857	\$ 407,763	\$ 331,942	\$ 503,402	\$ (1,426,188)	\$ 359,587

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Three Months Ended June 30, 2014

(in thousands)

	Noble- Cayman	NHC	NDH	NHIL	NDS6	Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble	Consolidating Adjustments	Total
Operating revenues								
Contract drilling services	\$	\$	\$ 85,664	\$	\$	\$ 725,970	\$ (32,266)	\$ 779,368
Reimbursables			2,575			21,838		24,413
Total operating revenues			88,239			747,808	(32,266)	803,781
Operating costs and expenses								
Contract drilling services	2,615	13,267	26,516	35,214		317,860	(32,266)	363,206
Reimbursables			1,662			16,070		17,732
Depreciation and amortization			15,711			136,531		152,242
General and administrative	334	3,156		8,263	1	(265)		11,489
Total operating costs and expenses	2,949	16,423	43,889	43,477	1	470,196	(32,266)	544,669
Operating income (loss)	(2,949)	(16,423)	44,350	(43,477)	(1)	277,612		259,112
Other income (expense)								
Income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates	184,704	64,955	22,653	164,952	114,022		(551,286)	
Income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates - discontinued	100,692	28,089	93,520	118,125	4,083		(344,509)	

operations, net of
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Total income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates	285,396	93,044	116,173	283,077	118,105		(895,795)	
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	(22,466)	(736)	(7,151)	(39,998)	(7,955)	(12,452)	54,407	(36,351)
Interest income and other, net	5,258		13,069	21,011	317	13,504	(54,407)	(1,248)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	265,239	75,885	166,441	220,613	110,466	278,664	(895,795)	221,513
Income tax provision		(17,194)	(1,522)		(1,547)	(13,800)		(34,063)
Net income from continuing operations	265,239	58,691	164,919	220,613	108,919	264,864	(895,795)	187,450
Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax		(9,860)	(55)			110,607		100,692
Net Income	265,239	48,831	164,864	220,613	108,919	375,471	(895,795)	288,142
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests						(33,655)	10,752	(22,903)
Net income attributable to Noble Corporation	265,239	48,831	164,864	220,613	108,919	341,816	(885,043)	265,239
Other comprehensive income, net	3,182					3,182	(3,182)	3,182
Comprehensive income attributable to Noble Corporation	\$ 268,421	\$ 48,831	\$ 164,864	\$ 220,613	\$ 108,919	\$ 344,998	\$ (888,225)	\$ 268,421

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Six Months Ended June 30, 2014

(in thousands)

	Noble- Cayman	NHC	NDH	NHIL	NDS6	Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble	Consolidating Adjustments	Total
Operating revenues								
Contract drilling services	\$	\$	\$ 162,617	\$	\$	\$ 1,461,912	\$ (74,524)	\$ 1,550,005
Reimbursables			3,253			45,710		48,963
Total operating revenues			165,870			1,507,622	(74,524)	1,598,968
Operating costs and expenses								
Contract drilling services	12,686	20,486	61,090	61,330		632,715	(74,524)	713,783
Reimbursables			2,493			36,743		39,236
Depreciation and amortization			30,345			267,500		297,845
General and administrative	907	5,003		15,224	1	2,286		23,421
Total operating costs and expenses	13,593	25,489	93,928	76,554	1	939,244	(74,524)	1,074,285
Operating income (loss)	(13,593)	(25,489)	71,942	(76,554)	(1)	568,378		524,683
Other income (expense)								
Income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates	391,000	110,710	120,767	420,510	284,171		(1,327,158)	
Income (loss) of unconsolidated	214,609	53,067	104,560	181,326	6,125		(559,687)	

affiliates -
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operations, net
of tax

Total income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates	605,609	163,777	225,327	601,836	290,296		(1,886,845)	
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	(48,350)	(963)	(12,974)	(86,491)	(15,904)	(24,746)	112,685	(76,743)
Interest income and other, net	6,888		26,749	46,968	630	28,807	(112,685)	(2,643)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	550,554	137,325	311,044	485,759	275,021	572,439	(1,886,845)	445,297
Income tax provision		(38,593)	(2,206)		(1,547)	(27,187)		(69,533)
Net income from continuing operations	550,554	98,732	308,838	485,759	273,474	545,252	(1,886,845)	375,764
Net income from discontinued operations, net of tax		(18,655)	6,634			226,630		214,609
Net Income	550,554	80,077	315,472	485,759	273,474	771,882	(1,886,845)	590,373
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests						(63,641)	23,822	(39,819)
Net income attributable to Noble Corporation	550,554	80,077	315,472	485,759	273,474	708,241	(1,863,023)	550,554
Other comprehensive income, net	10,900					10,900	(10,900)	10,900
Comprehensive income attributable to	\$ 561,454	\$ 80,077	\$ 315,472	\$ 485,759	\$ 273,474	\$ 719,141	\$ (1,873,923)	\$ 561,454

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Six Months Ended June 30, 2015

(in thousands)

	Noble- Cayman	NHC	NDH	NHIL	NDS6	Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble	Consolidating Adjustments	Total
Cash flows from operating activities								
Net cash from operating activities	\$ (37,768)	\$ (7,445)	\$ 123,844	\$ (117,391)	\$ (11,095)	\$ 802,833	\$	\$ 752,978
Cash flows from investing activities								
Capital expenditures			(48,227)			(160,464)		(208,691)
Net cash from investing activities			(48,227)			(160,464)		(208,691)
Cash flows from financing activities								
Net change in borrowings outstanding on bank credit facilities	(1,123,495)							(1,123,495)
Issuance of senior notes				1,092,728				1,092,728
Debt issuance costs on senior notes and credit facilities	(6,450)			(9,620)				(16,070)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests						(44,484)		(44,484)
	(273,626)							(273,626)

Distributions to parent company, net							
Advances (to) from affiliates	1,441,363	7,445	(75,745)	(965,717)	11,095	(418,441)	
Net cash from financing activities	37,792	7,445	(75,745)	117,391	11,095	(462,925)	(364,947)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	24		(128)			179,444	179,340
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	5		254			65,521	65,780
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 29	\$	\$ 126	\$	\$	\$ 244,965	\$ 245,120

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Six Months Ended June 30, 2014

(in thousands)

	Noble- Cayman	NHC	NDH	NHIL	NDS6	Other Non-guarantor Subsidiaries of Noble	Consolidating Adjustments	Total
Cash flows from operating activities								
Net cash from operating activities	\$ (33,190)	\$ (89,407)	\$ 132,085	\$ (120,048)	\$ (16,759)	\$ 1,208,454	\$	\$ 1,081,135
Cash flows from investing activities								
Capital expenditures			(860,876)			(367,207)		(1,228,083)
Notes receivable from affiliates				273,744			(273,744)	
Net cash from investing activities			(860,876)	273,744		(367,207)	(273,744)	(1,228,083)
Cash flows from financing activities								
Net change in borrowings outstanding on bank credit facilities	707,472							707,472
Repayment of long-term debt				(250,000)				(250,000)
	(386)							(386)

Debt issuance costs on senior notes and credit facilities								
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests						(41,910)		(41,910)
Distributions to parent company, net	(240,900)							(240,900)
Advances (to) from affiliates	(159,248)	89,407	729,719	96,300	16,759	(772,937)		
Notes payable to affiliates	(273,744)						273,744	
Net cash from financing activities	33,194	89,407	729,719	(153,700)	16,759	(814,847)	273,744	174,276
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	4		928	(4)		26,400		27,328
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1		402	4		109,975		110,382
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 5	\$	\$ 1,330	\$	\$	\$ 136,375	\$	\$ 137,710

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The following discussion is intended to assist you in understanding our financial position at June 30, 2015, and our results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 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).

As a result of the spin-off of Paragon Offshore plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales (Paragon Offshore), on August 1, 2014, the results of operations for Paragon Offshore are reported as discontinued operations in this report. The terms earnings and loss as used in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations refer to income/(loss) from continuing operations. Income/(loss) from continuing operations is representative of the Company's current business operations and focus.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this report, including those regarding rig demand, the offshore drilling market, oil prices, contract backlog, fleet status, our financial position, business strategy, impairments, level of debt, repayment of debt, costs, expense management, timing or number of share repurchases, borrowings under our credit facilities or other instruments, sources of funds, completion, delivery dates and acceptance of our newbuild rigs, future capital expenditures, contract commitments, dayrates, contract amendments, commencements, extensions, renewals, renegotiations or terminations, contract tenders, the outcome of any dispute, litigation, audit or investigation, plans and objectives of management for future operations, foreign currency requirements, results of joint ventures, indemnity and other contract claims, construction and upgrade of rigs, industry conditions, access to financing, impact of competition, governmental regulations and permitting, availability of labor, worldwide economic conditions, taxes and tax rates, indebtedness covenant compliance, dividends and distributable reserves, timing or results of acquisitions or dispositions, and timing for compliance with any new regulations are forward-looking statements. When used in this report, the words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, plan, project, should and similar expressions are intended to be among the statements that identify forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that such expectations will prove to be correct. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report on Form 10-Q and we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement for any reason, except as required by law. We have identified factors including but not limited to operating hazards and delays, risks associated with operations outside the U.S., actions by regulatory authorities, customers, joint venture partners, contractors, lenders and other third parties, market conditions, legislation and regulations affecting drilling operations, costs and difficulties relating to the integration of businesses, factors affecting the level of activity in the oil and gas industry, supply and demand of drilling rigs, factors affecting the duration of contracts, the actual amount of downtime, factors that reduce applicable dayrates, violations of anti-corruption laws, hurricanes and other weather conditions and the future price of oil and gas that could cause actual plans or results to differ materially from those included in any forward-looking statements. These factors include those referenced or described in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and in our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). We cannot control such risk factors and other uncertainties, and in many cases, we cannot predict the risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements. You should consider these risks and uncertainties when you are evaluating us.

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Executive Overview

We are a leading offshore drilling contractor for the oil and gas industry. We perform contract drilling services with our global fleet of mobile offshore drilling units. As of the filing date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our fleet consisted of 15 jackups, nine drillships and eight semisubmersibles, including one high-specification, harsh environment jackup under construction.

We report our contract drilling operations as a single reportable segment, Contract Drilling Services, which reflects how we manage our business, and the fact that all of our drilling fleet is dependent upon the worldwide oil and gas industry. The mobile offshore drilling units comprising our offshore rig fleet operate in a global market for contract drilling services and are often redeployed to different regions due to changing demands of our customers, which consist largely of major independent and government owned/controlled oil and gas companies throughout the world. As of June 30, 2015, our contract drilling services segment conducts operations in the United States, Brazil, Argentina, the North Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, the Black Sea, the Middle East, Asia and Australia. Noble and its predecessors have been engaged in the contract drilling of oil and gas wells since 1921.

Outlook

The business environment for offshore drillers during the first six months of 2015 remained challenging. The rig capacity imbalance, caused in part by the addition of newbuild units and rigs completing current contracts increased while customer demand for these rigs has decreased. Beginning in June 2014, the price of oil, a key factor in determining customer activity levels, began to decline rapidly, with the Brent crude price declining from approximately \$112 per barrel on June 30, 2014 to approximately \$63 per barrel on June 30, 2015. In this environment, operators have curtailed drilling programs, especially exploration activity, resulting in a dramatic reduction in dayrates for new contracts as well as lower rig utilization. The industry has responded by accelerating the pace of rig retirements and reducing the supply of marketed rigs across the worldwide fleet.

We expect that the business environment for the remainder of 2015 and 2016 will remain challenging and could potentially deteriorate further. The present level of global economic activity, high levels of US onshore oil production, the potential increase of oil supply from Iran and a lack of production cuts within OPEC are contributing to an uncertain oil price environment, leading to a persistent disruption in our customers' exploration and production spending plans. Current and expected demand from customers over the remainder of 2015 and 2016 is not expected to support the current supply of offshore drilling rigs resulting from capital expenditures that the offshore drilling industry has undertaken in recent years or the continuation of capital expenditures at similar levels. We cannot give any assurances as to when these conditions in the offshore drilling market will improve, or when there will be higher demand for contract drilling services or a decline in the supply of available drilling rigs. While current market conditions persist, we will continue to focus on operating efficiency, cost control and operating margin preservation, which could include stacking or scrapping additional drilling rigs.

We believe in the long-term fundamentals for the industry, especially for those contractors with a modern fleet of high-specification rigs like ours. Also, we believe the ultimate recovery will benefit from any sustained under-investment by clients during this current market phase.

Consistent with our policy, we evaluate property and equipment for impairment on an annual basis or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Further declines in the offshore drilling market, or lack of recovery in market conditions, to the extent actual results do not meet our estimated assumptions, may lead to potential impairments in the future.

Results and Strategy

Our business strategy focuses on deepwater drilling and high-specification jackups and the deployment of our drilling rigs in important oil and gas basins around the world.

We have actively expanded our offshore deepwater drilling and high-specification jackup capabilities in recent years through the construction of rigs. Currently, we have one newbuild project remaining, the heavy-duty, harsh environment jackup, *Noble Lloyd Noble*, which is scheduled to commence operations under a four-year

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contract in the North Sea in mid-2016. Although we plan to focus on capital preservation and liquidity based on current market conditions, we also plan to continue to evaluate opportunities to enhance our fleet to achieve greater technological capability, which we believe will lead to increased drilling efficiencies and an enhanced ability to execute the increasingly more complex drilling programs required by our customers.

While we cannot predict the future level of demand or dayrates for our services or future conditions in the offshore contract drilling industry, we believe we are strategically well positioned.

Spin-off of Paragon Offshore plc

On August 1, 2014, Noble-UK completed the separation and spin-off of a majority of its standard specification offshore drilling business (the Spin-Off) through a pro rata distribution of all of the ordinary shares of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Paragon Offshore, to the holders of Noble's ordinary shares. Our shareholders received one share of Paragon Offshore for every three shares of Noble owned as of July 23, 2014, the record date for the distribution. Through the Spin-Off, we disposed of most of our standard specification drilling units and related assets, liabilities and business. Prior to the Spin-off, Paragon Offshore issued approximately \$1.7 billion of long-term debt. We used the proceeds from this debt to repay certain amounts outstanding under our commercial paper program. The results of operations for Paragon Offshore prior to the Spin-off date and incremental Spin-off related costs have been classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. For additional information regarding the Spin-off, see Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in this report.

Contract Drilling Services Backlog

We maintain a backlog (as defined below) of commitments for contract drilling services. The following table sets forth, as of June 30, 2015, the amount of our contract drilling services backlog and the percent of available operating days committed for the periods indicated:

	Total	Year Ending December 31,				
		2015 (1)	2016	2017	2018	2019-2023
Contract Drilling Services Backlog						
(In millions)						
Semisubmersibles/Drillships ^{(2) (5)}	\$ 6,788	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,811	\$ 1,100	\$ 701	\$ 1,996
Jackups	1,901	299	665	424	252	261
Total ⁽³⁾	\$ 8,689	\$ 1,479	\$ 2,476	\$ 1,524	\$ 953	\$ 2,257
Percent of Available Days Committed ⁽⁴⁾						
Semisubmersibles/Drillships		78%	58%	35%	24%	14%
Jackups		80%	68%	41%	19%	2%
Total		79%	63%	38%	21%	8%

- (1) Represents a six-month period beginning July 1, 2015.
- (2) The drilling contracts with Royal Dutch Shell, plc (Shell) for the *Noble Globetrotter I*, *Noble Globetrotter II*, *Noble Clyde Boudreaux*, *Noble Don Taylor* and the *Noble Jim Day* provide opportunities for us to earn performance bonuses based on key performance indicators as defined by the contracts. Our backlog includes an amount equal to 25 percent of potential performance bonuses for these rigs, or approximately \$117 million.
- (3) Some of our drilling contracts provide the customer with certain termination rights and, in certain cases, these termination rights require minimal or no notice or financial penalties. However, as of July 27, 2015, we have not received any notification of contract cancellations.
- (4) Percent of available days committed is calculated by dividing the total number of days our rigs are operating under contract for such period, or committed days, by the product of the total number of our rigs, including cold stacked rigs, and the number of calendar days in such period. Committed days do not include the days that a rig is stacked or the

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days that a rig is expected to be out of service for significant overhaul, repairs or maintenance. Percentages take into account additional capacity from the estimated dates of deployment of our newbuild rigs that are scheduled to commence operations during 2015 and 2016.

- (5) Noble and a subsidiary of Shell are involved in joint ventures that own and operate both the *Noble Bully I* and the *Noble Bully II*. Under the terms of the joint venture agreements, each party has an equal 50 percent share in both rigs. As of June 30, 2015, the combined amount of backlog for these rigs totals approximately \$1.4 billion, all of which is included in our backlog. Noble's proportional interest in the backlog for these rigs totals \$720 million. Our contract drilling services backlog reflects estimated future revenues attributable to both signed drilling contracts and letters of intent that we expect to result in binding drilling contracts. A letter of intent is generally subject to customary conditions, including the execution of a definitive drilling contract. It is possible that some customers that have entered into letters of intent will not enter into signed drilling contracts. As of June 30, 2015, our contract drilling services backlog did not include any letters of intent.

We calculate backlog for any given unit and period by multiplying the full contractual operating dayrate for such unit by the number of days remaining in the period. The reported contract drilling services backlog does not include amounts representing revenues for mobilization, demobilization and contract preparation, which are not expected to be significant to our contract drilling services revenues, amounts constituting reimbursables from customers or amounts attributable to uncommitted option periods under drilling contracts or letters of intent.

The amount of actual revenues earned and the actual periods during which revenues are earned may be materially different than the backlog amounts and backlog periods set forth in the table above due to various factors, including, but not limited to, shipyard and maintenance projects, unplanned downtime, achievement of bonuses, weather conditions and other factors that result in applicable dayrates lower than the full contractual operating dayrate. In addition, amounts included in the backlog may change because drilling contracts may be varied or modified by mutual consent or customers may exercise termination rights contained in some of our drilling contracts or decline to enter into a drilling contract after executing a letter of intent. As a result, our backlog as of any particular date may not be indicative of our actual operating results for the periods for which the backlog is calculated. See Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors. We can provide no assurance that our current backlog of contract drilling revenue will be ultimately realized in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

As of June 30, 2015, Shell and Freeport-McMoRan Inc. represented approximately 61 percent and 12 percent of our backlog, respectively.

Results of Operations

For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

Net income from continuing operations attributable to Noble-UK for the three months ended June 30, 2015 (the Current Quarter) was \$159 million, or \$0.64 per diluted share, on operating revenues of \$794 million, compared to net income from continuing operations for the three months ended June 30, 2014 (the Comparable Quarter) of \$140 million, or \$0.54 per diluted share, on operating revenues of \$804 million.

As a result of Noble-UK conducting all of its business through Noble-Cayman and its subsidiaries, the financial position and results of operations for Noble-Cayman, and the reasons for material changes in the amount of revenue and expense items between the Current Quarter and the Comparable Quarter, would be the same as the information presented below regarding Noble-UK in all material respects, except operating income for Noble-Cayman for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$9 million and \$24 million higher, respectively, than operating income for Noble-UK for the same periods. The operating income difference is primarily a result of executive costs

directly attributable to Noble-UK for operations support and stewardship related services. In addition, we had non-recurring costs of \$6 million during the Comparable Quarter related to the Spin-off, which we recognized as part of discontinued operations at the Noble-UK level.

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Operating results from continuing operations for our contract drilling services segment are dependent on three primary metrics: rig utilization, operating days and dayrates. The following table sets forth the average rig utilization, operating days and average dayrates for our rig fleet for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Average Rig Utilization (1)		Operating Days (2)			Average Dayrates		
	Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended			Three Months Ended		
	June 30, 2015	2014	2015	2014	% Change	June 30, 2015	2014	% Change
Jackups	84%	87%	993	870	14%	\$ 171,482	\$ 178,259	-4%
Semisubmersibles	63%	74%	455	742	-39%	403,319	424,199	-5%
Drillships	100%	100%	819	637	29%	509,783	485,686	5%
Total	83%	85%	2,267	2,249	1%	\$ 340,217	\$ 346,494	-2%

(1) We define utilization for a specific period as the total number of days our rigs are operating under contract, divided by the product of the total number of our rigs, including cold stacked rigs, and the number of calendar days in such period. Information reflects our policy of reporting on the basis of the number of available rigs in our fleet, excluding newbuild rigs under construction.

(2) Information reflects the number of days that our rigs were operating under contract.

Contract Drilling Services

The following table sets forth the operating results from continuing operations for our contract drilling services segment for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Change	
	2015	2014	\$	%
Operating revenues:				
Contract drilling services	\$ 771,307	\$ 779,368	\$ (8,061)	-1%
Reimbursables (1)	22,248	22,243	5	0%
	\$ 793,555	\$ 801,611	\$ (8,056)	-1%
Operating costs and expenses:				
Contract drilling services	\$ 319,207	\$ 370,902	\$ (51,695)	-14%
Reimbursables (1)	17,652	17,097	555	3%
Depreciation and amortization	153,579	148,324	5,255	4%
General and administrative	22,424	26,845	(4,421)	-16%

	512,862	563,168	(50,306)	-9%
Operating income	\$ 280,693	\$ 238,443	\$ 42,250	18%

- (1) We record reimbursements from customers for out-of-pocket expenses as operating revenues and the related direct costs as operating expenses. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Operating Revenues. Changes in contract drilling services revenues for the Current Quarter as compared to the Comparable Quarter were driven by a decrease in average dayrates, partially offset by an increase in operating days. The 2 percent decrease in average dayrates decreased revenues by \$14 million, which was partially offset by the 1 percent increase in operating days which increased revenues by \$6 million.

The decrease in contract drilling services revenues was related to our semisubmersibles, which generated \$131 million less revenue than in the Comparable Quarter. This was partially offset by increased revenues related to our drillships and jackups, which generated \$108 million and \$15 million more revenue, respectively, in the Current Quarter.

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The decrease in semisubmersible revenues was driven by a 39 percent decrease in operating days and a 5 percent decrease in average dayrates, resulting in a \$122 million and a \$9 million decrease in revenues, respectively, from the Comparable Quarter. The decrease in both operating days and average dayrates was primarily attributable to the retirement of the *Noble Jim Thompson*, the *Noble Driller* and the *Noble Paul Wolff* as a result of our decision to discontinue marketing these rigs based on current market conditions. Additionally, the *Noble Max Smith* and the *Noble Paul Romano* were operational during the Comparable Quarter but were off contract during the Current Quarter.

The increase in drillship revenues was driven by a 29 percent increase in operating days and a 5 percent increase in average dayrates, resulting in an \$88 million and a \$20 million increase in revenues, respectively, from the Comparable Quarter. The increase in both average dayrates and operating days was the result of the newbuilds *Noble Sam Croft* and the *Noble Tom Madden*, which commenced their contracts in July 2014 and November 2014, respectively.

The 14 percent increase in operating days on our jackups resulted in a \$22 million increase in revenues from the Comparable Quarter. The increase in operating days was the result of the commencement of the *Noble Sam Turner* in August 2014 and the *Noble David Tinsley*, which was fully operational during the Current Quarter but was off contract during the Comparable Quarter. This was partially offset by the *Noble Mick O'Brien*, which was off contract during the Current Quarter but experienced full utilization during the Comparable Quarter. The 4 percent decline in average dayrates resulted in a \$7 million decrease in revenues driven by unfavorable dayrate changes on contracts across the jackup fleet.

Operating Costs and Expenses. Contract drilling services operating costs and expenses decreased \$52 million for the Current Quarter as compared to the Comparable Quarter. Crew-up and operating expenses for our newbuild rigs as they commenced, or prepared to commence, operating under contracts added approximately \$41 million in expense in the Current Quarter. This was partially offset by decreased costs of \$34 million related to the retirement of the *Noble Jim Thompson*, the *Noble Driller* and the *Noble Paul Wolff* and \$34 million related to idle or stacked rigs. The remaining \$25 million decrease in costs was primarily driven by a \$27 million decrease in mobilization and transportation expenses related to certain rig moves during the Comparable Quarter and a \$2 million decrease in insurance costs related to our policy renewal in March 2015, which was partially offset by a \$4 million increase in other rig-related expenses.

The increase in depreciation and amortization in the Current Quarter from the Comparable Quarter was primarily attributable to assets placed in service, including the newbuilds noted above.

Other Income and Expenses

General and administrative expenses. Overall, general and administrative expenses decreased \$5 million in the Current Quarter as compared to the Comparable Quarter primarily as a result of decreased legal and other professional fees.

Interest Expense, net of amount capitalized. Interest expense, net of amount capitalized, increased \$21 million in the Current Quarter as compared to the Comparable Quarter. The increase is a result of the \$1.1 billion of senior notes issued in March 2015, coupled with a reduction in capitalized interest in the Current Quarter as compared to the Comparable Quarter due primarily to the completion of construction on two of our newbuild drillships and two of our newbuild jackups. During the Current Quarter, we capitalized approximately 10 percent of total interest charges versus approximately 27 percent during the Comparable Quarter.

Income Tax Provision. Our income tax provision increased \$5 million in the Current Quarter. A 10 percent increase in pre-tax earnings generated a \$3 million increase in income tax expense. Additionally, a 5 percent increase in the worldwide effective tax rate generated a \$2 million increase in income tax expense. The increase in the worldwide effective tax rate was primarily a result of a change in the geographic mix of pre-tax earnings.

Discontinued Operations. Net income from discontinued operations for the Comparable Quarter was \$94 million. Revenues reported within discontinued operations were \$437 million during the Comparable Quarter. Operating income included within discontinued operations was \$111 million during the Comparable Quarter. There was no activity related to discontinued operations during the Current Quarter.

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Net income from continuing operations attributable to Noble-UK for the six months ended June 30, 2015 (the Current Period) was \$337 million, or \$1.36 per diluted share, on operating revenues of \$1.6 billion, compared to net income from continuing operations for the six months ended June 30, 2014 (the Comparable Period) of \$295 million, or \$1.14 per diluted share, on operating revenues of \$1.6 billion.

As a result of Noble-UK conducting all of its business through Noble-Cayman and its subsidiaries, the financial position and results of operations for Noble-Cayman, and the reasons for material changes in the amount of revenue and expense items between the Current Period and the Comparable Period, would be the same as the information presented below regarding Noble-UK in all material respects, except operating income for Noble-Cayman for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$24 million and \$41 million higher, respectively, than operating income for Noble-UK for the same periods. The operating income difference is primarily a result of executive costs directly attributable to Noble-UK for operations support and stewardship related services. In addition, we had non-recurring costs of \$19 million during the Comparable Period related to the Spin-off, which we recognized as part of discontinued operations at the Noble-UK level.

Rig Utilization, Operating Days and Average Dayrates

Operating results from continuing operations for our contract drilling services segment are dependent on three primary metrics: rig utilization, operating days and dayrates. The following table sets forth the average rig utilization, operating days and average dayrates for our rig fleet for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Average Rig Utilization (1)		Operating Days (2)			Average Dayrates		
	Six Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	% Change	2015	2014	% Change
Jackups	88%	92%	1,983	1,740	14%	\$ 172,090	\$ 170,672	1%
Semisubmersibles	64%	78%	948	1,556	-39%	397,839	421,250	-6%
Drillships	100%	100%	1,629	1,267	29%	511,014	471,753	8%
Other	N/A	0%	N/A		**	N/A		**
Total	85%	88%	4,560	4,563	0%	\$ 340,089	\$ 339,682	0%

(1) We define utilization for a specific period as the total number of days our rigs are operating under contract, divided by the product of the total number of our rigs, including cold stacked rigs, and the number of calendar days in such period. Information reflects our policy of reporting on the basis of the number of available rigs in our fleet, excluding newbuild rigs under construction.

(2) Information reflects the number of days that our rigs were operating under contract.

** Not a meaningful percentage.

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The following table sets forth the operating results from continuing operations for our contract drilling services segment for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 (dollars in thousands):

	Six Months Ended June 30,		Change	
	2015	2014	\$	%
Operating revenues:				
Contract drilling services	\$ 1,550,668	\$ 1,550,005	\$ 663	0%
Reimbursables (1)	47,229	46,793	436	1%
	\$ 1,597,897	\$ 1,596,798	\$ 1,099	0%
Operating costs and expenses:				
Contract drilling services	\$ 640,957	\$ 723,782	\$ (82,825)	-11%
Reimbursables (1)	37,809	38,600	(791)	-2%
Depreciation and amortization	301,787	290,212	11,575	4%
General and administrative	46,362	52,273	(5,911)	-11%
	1,026,915	1,104,867	(77,952)	-7%
Operating income	\$ 570,982	\$ 491,931	\$ 79,051	16%

- (1) We record reimbursements from customers for out-of-pocket expenses as operating revenues and the related direct costs as operating expenses. Changes in the amount of these reimbursables generally do not have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Operating Revenues. Changes in contract drilling services revenues for the Current Period as compared to the Comparable Period were driven by a slight increase in average dayrates, partially offset by a slight decrease in operating days. The slight increase in average dayrates increased revenues by approximately \$2 million, while the slight decrease in operating days decreased revenues by \$1 million.

The marginal increase in contract drilling services revenues relates to our drillships and jackups, which generated approximately \$235 million and \$44 million more revenue, respectively, in the Current Period. This was partially offset by decreased revenues related to our semisubmersibles, which declined \$278 million from the Comparable Period.

The increase in drillship revenues was driven by a 29 percent increase in operating days and an 8 percent increase in average dayrates, resulting in a \$171 million and a \$64 million increase in revenues, respectively, from the Comparable Period. The increase in both average dayrates and operating days was the result of the newbuilds *Noble Sam Croft* and the *Noble Tom Madden*, which commenced their contracts in July 2014 and November 2014, respectively.

The increase in jackup revenues was driven by a 14 percent increase in operating days and a 1 percent increase in average dayrates, resulting in a \$41 million and a \$3 million increase in revenues, respectively, from the Comparable Period. The increase in both operating days and average dayrates was the result of the commencements of the following newbuilds: *Noble Regina Allen*, *Noble Houston Colbert* and *Noble Sam Turner* in January 2014, March 2014 and August 2014, respectively. This was partially offset by the *Noble Mick O'Brien*, which was off contract during the Current Period but experienced full utilization during the Comparable Period.

The decrease in semisubmersible revenues was driven by a 39 percent decline in operating days and a 6 percent decline in average dayrates, resulting in a \$256 million and a \$22 million decrease in revenues, respectively, from the Comparable Period. The decrease in both operating days and average dayrates was primarily attributable to the retirement of the *Noble Jim Thompson*, the *Noble Driller* and the *Noble Paul Wolff* during the Current Period as a result of our decision to discontinue marketing these rigs based on current market conditions. Additionally, the *Noble Max Smith* and *Noble Paul Romano* were operational during the Comparable Period but were off contract during the Current Period.

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Operating Costs and Expenses. Contract drilling services operating costs and expenses decreased \$83 million for the Current Period as compared to the Comparable Period. Crew-up and operating expenses for our newbuild rigs as they commenced, or prepared to commence, operating under contracts added approximately \$93 million in expense in the Current Period. This was partially offset by decreased costs of \$74 million related to the retirement of the *Noble Jim Thompson*, the *Noble Driller* and the *Noble Paul Wolff* and \$54 million related to idle or stacked rigs. The remaining \$48 million decrease in costs was primarily driven by a \$32 million decrease in mobilization and transportation expenses related to certain rig moves during the Comparable Period, an \$8 million decrease in other rig-related expenses, a \$5 million decrease in labor costs and a \$3 million decrease in operations support.

The increase in depreciation and amortization in the Current Period from the Comparable Period was primarily attributable to assets placed in service, including the newbuilds noted above.

Other Income and Expenses

General and administrative expenses. Overall, general and administrative expenses decreased \$6 million in the Current Period as compared to the Comparable Period primarily as a result of decreased legal and other professional fees.

Interest Expense, net of amount capitalized. Interest expense, net of amount capitalized, increased \$30 million in the Current Period as compared to the Comparable Period. The increase is a result of the \$1.1 billion of senior notes issued in March 2015, coupled with a reduction in capitalized interest in the Current Period as compared to the Comparable Period due primarily to the completion of construction on four of our newbuild jackups and two of our newbuild drillships. During the Current Period, we capitalized approximately 10 percent of total interest charges versus approximately 26 percent during the Comparable Period.

Income Tax Provision. Our income tax provision increased \$13 million in the Current Period. A 13 percent increase in pre-tax earnings generated a \$9 million increase in income tax expense. Additionally, a 5 percent increase in the worldwide effective tax rate generated a \$4 million increase in income tax expense. The increase in the worldwide effective tax rate was primarily a result of a change in the geographic mix of pre-tax earnings offset by favorable changes in discrete items.

Discontinued Operations. Net income from discontinued operations for the Comparable Period was \$196 million. Revenues reported within discontinued operations were \$893 million during the Comparable Period. Operating income included within discontinued operations was \$232 million during the Comparable Period. There was no activity related to discontinued operations during the Current Period.

Liquidity and Capital Resources***Overview***

Cash flows from discontinued operations are combined with cash flows from continuing operations within each cash flow statement category on our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the six months ended June 30, 2014 included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Net cash from operating activities was \$768 million in the Current Period and \$1.0 billion in the Comparable Period. We had working capital of \$56 million and \$260 million at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

Net cash used in investing activities in the Current Period was \$209 million as compared to \$1.2 billion in the Comparable Period. The variance primarily relates to lower newbuild expenditures, coupled with expenditures for

Paragon Offshore in the Comparable Period.

Net cash used in financing activities in the Current Period was \$380 million as compared to net cash provided from financing activities of \$222 million in the Comparable Period. The variance primarily relates to the Current Period proceeds of \$1.1 billion from the senior notes offering, which we used to repay indebtedness outstanding on our credit facilities and commercial paper program, while the Comparable Period includes the repayment of our \$250 million 7.375% Senior Notes. Additionally, during the Current Period we repurchased

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6.2 million shares as part of our share repurchase program. Our total debt as a percentage of total debt plus equity was 39.7 percent at June 30, 2015 as compared to 40.1 percent at December 31, 2014. Although we issued \$1.1 billion senior notes in March 2015, this amount was substantially offset by a net reduction in indebtedness outstanding on our Credit Facilities and commercial paper program during the Current Period as a result of the application of proceeds from the senior note offering.

Our principal sources of capital in the Current Period were our \$1.1 billion senior notes offering in March 2015 and the cash generated from operating activities noted above. Cash generated during the Current Period was primarily used for the following:

repay indebtedness outstanding under our Credit Facilities and commercial paper program;

normal recurring operating expenses;

payment of our quarterly dividends;

repurchase 6.2 million shares; and

capital expenditures.

Our currently anticipated cash flow needs, both in the short-term and long-term, may include the following:

normal recurring operating expenses;

committed and discretionary capital expenditures;

repayment of maturing debt;

payments of dividends; and

repurchase of shares.

We currently expect to fund these cash flow needs with cash generated by our operations, cash on hand, borrowings under our existing or future credit facilities and commercial paper program, potential issuances of long-term debt, or asset sales. However, to adequately cover our expected cash flow needs, we may require capital in excess of the amount available from these sources, and we may seek additional sources of liquidity and/or delay or cancel certain discretionary capital expenditures or other payments as necessary.

At June 30, 2015, we had a total contract drilling services backlog of approximately \$8.7 billion. Our backlog as of June 30, 2015 includes a commitment of 79 percent of available days for the remainder of 2015 and 63 percent of available days for 2016. For additional information regarding our backlog, see [Contract Drilling Services Backlog](#).

Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures, including capitalized interest, totaled \$170 million and \$1.2 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Capital expenditures during the first six months of 2015 consisted of the following:

\$135 million for major projects, subsea related expenditures and upgrades and replacements to drilling equipment;

\$23 million on newbuilds, including costs for the *Noble Lloyd Noble* and trailing costs on our recently completed newbuilds; and

\$12 million in capitalized interest.

Our total capital expenditure estimate for 2015 is approximately \$503 million. In addition, we anticipate recording capitalized interest, which may fluctuate as a result of the timing of completion of ongoing projects.

In connection with our capital expenditure program, as of June 30, 2015, we had outstanding commitments, including shipyard and purchase commitments, for approximately \$697 million, all of which we expect to spend within the next twelve months.

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From time to time we consider possible projects that would require expenditures that are not included in our capital budget, and such unbudgeted expenditures could be significant. In addition, we will continue to evaluate acquisitions of drilling units from time to time. Other factors that could cause actual capital expenditures to materially exceed plan include delays and cost overruns in shipyards (including costs attributable to labor shortages), shortages of equipment, latent damage or deterioration to hull, equipment and machinery in excess of engineering estimates and assumptions, changes in governmental regulations and requirements and changes in design criteria or specifications during repair or construction.

Dividends

Our most recent quarterly dividend payment to shareholders, totaling approximately \$93 million (or \$0.375 per share), was declared on April 24, 2015 and paid on May 14, 2015 to holders of record on May 4, 2015.

On July 24, 2015, our Board of Directors approved the payment of a quarterly dividend to shareholders of \$0.375 per share. The payment is expected to total approximately \$93 million, based on the number of shares currently outstanding.

The declaration and payment of dividends require authorization of the Board of Directors of Noble-UK and such dividends on issued share capital may be paid only out of Noble-UK's distributable reserves on its statutory balance sheet. Noble-UK is not permitted to pay dividends out of share capital, which includes share premiums. The amount, or continuance, of future dividends will depend on our results of operations, financial condition, cash requirements, future business prospects, contractual restrictions, anticipated capital needs and other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors and we may decide to change our dividend at any time.

Share Repurchases

In December 2014, we received shareholder approval to repurchase up to 37,000,000 additional ordinary shares, or approximately 15 percent of our outstanding ordinary shares at the time of the shareholder approval. Any repurchases are expected to be funded using cash on hand, cash from operations or short-term borrowings under our credit facilities. The authority to make such repurchases will expire on the later of April 2016 or the end of the Company's 2016 annual general meeting of shareholders, at which time we could seek shareholder approval for further repurchases.

In January 2015, we repurchased 6.2 million of our ordinary shares at an average price of \$16.10 per share, excluding commissions and stamp tax. Including these items, the average price paid per share during January 2015 was \$16.21. There can be no assurance as to the timing or amount of any such further repurchases. However, we intend to take a cautious approach to future share repurchases at least until market conditions in the offshore drilling business stabilize.

Credit Facilities and Senior Unsecured Notes

Credit Facilities and Commercial Paper Program

We currently have two credit facilities with an aggregate maximum capacity of \$2.7 billion, which are comprised of a five year \$2.4 billion senior unsecured credit facility that matures in January 2020 and a \$225 million 364-day senior unsecured credit facility that matures in January 2016 (together, the Credit Facilities).

We have a commercial paper program, which allows us to issue up to \$2.4 billion in unsecured commercial paper notes. Amounts issued under the commercial paper program are supported by the unused capacity under our Credit Facilities and, therefore, are classified as long-term on our Consolidated Balance Sheet. The outstanding amounts of commercial paper reduce availability under our Credit Facilities.

Our total debt related to the Credit Facilities and commercial paper program was \$1.1 billion at December 31, 2014. At June 30, 2015, we had no amounts outstanding under the Credit Facilities and commercial paper program, therefore, we had \$2.7 billion of available capacity under the Credit Facilities.

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The \$2.4 billion facility provides us with the ability to issue up to \$500 million in letters of credit. The issuance of letters of credit under the facility reduces the amount available for borrowing. At June 30, 2015, we had no letters of credit issued under the facility.

Senior Unsecured Notes

Our total debt related to senior unsecured notes was \$4.8 billion at June 30, 2015 as compared to \$3.7 billion at December 31, 2014. The increase in senior unsecured notes outstanding is a result of the issuance of \$1.1 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes in March 2015, which we issued through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, Noble Holding International Limited (NHIL). These senior notes were issued in three separate tranches, consisting of \$250 million of 4.00% Senior Notes due 2018, \$450 million of 5.95% Senior Notes due 2025, and \$400 million of 6.95% Senior Notes due 2045. The weighted average coupon of all three tranches is 5.87%. The interest rate on these senior notes may be increased if the credit rating applicable to the notes is downgraded below certain specified levels. The net proceeds of approximately \$1.08 billion, after expenses, were used to repay indebtedness outstanding under our Credit Facilities and commercial paper program.

On August 1, 2015, our \$350 million 3.45% Senior Notes matured, which we repaid using cash on hand. We have, therefore, classified these balances as Current maturities of long-term debt on our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2015.

Our \$300 million 3.05% Senior Notes mature during the first quarter of 2016. We anticipate using availability under our Credit Facilities to repay the outstanding balances; therefore, we continue to report these balances as long-term as of June 30, 2015.

Covenants

The Credit Facilities are guaranteed by NHIL and Noble Holding Corporation (NHC). The covenants and events of default under the two Credit Facilities are substantially similar, and each facility contains a covenant that limits our ratio of debt to total tangible capitalization, as defined in the Credit Facilities, to 0.60. At June 30, 2015, our ratio of debt to total tangible capitalization was approximately 0.40. We were in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Facilities as of June 30, 2015.

In addition to the covenants from the Credit Facilities noted above, the indentures governing our outstanding senior unsecured notes contain covenants that place restrictions on certain merger and consolidation transactions, unless we are the surviving entity or the other party assumes the obligations under the indenture, and on the ability to sell or transfer all or substantially all of our assets. In addition, there are restrictions on incurring or assuming certain liens and entering into sale and lease-back transactions. At June 30, 2015, we were in compliance with all of our debt covenants. We continually monitor compliance with the covenants under our notes and expect to remain in compliance during the remainder of 2015.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-08, which amends FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 205, Presentation of Financial Statements and ASC Topic 360, Property, Plant, and Equipment. This ASU alters the definition of a discontinued operation to cover only asset disposals that are a strategic shift with a major effect on an entity's operations and finances, and calls for more extensive disclosures about a discontinued operation's assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The guidance is effective for all disposals, or classifications as held-for-sale, of components of an entity that occur within annual periods beginning on or after

December 15, 2014. This standard was not early adopted in connection with the Spin-Off. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, which amends ASC Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The amendments in this ASU are intended to provide a more robust framework for addressing revenue issues, improve comparability of revenue recognition practices and improve disclosure

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requirements. Under the deferred adoption date, the new guidance will be effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-12, which amends ASC Topic 718, Compensation-Stock Compensation. The guidance requires that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition and should not be reflected in the estimate of the grant-date fair value of the award. The guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The guidance can be applied prospectively for all awards granted or modified after the effective date or retrospectively to all awards with performance targets outstanding as of the beginning of the earliest annual period presented in the financial statements and to all new or modified awards thereafter. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15, which amends ASC Subtopic 205-40, Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to continue as a Going Concern. The amendments in this ASU provide guidance related to management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. The amendments are effective for the annual period ending after December 15, 2016, and for annual periods and interim periods thereafter. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In January 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-01, which amends ASC Subtopic 225-20, Income Statement Extraordinary and Unusual Items. The amendment in this ASU eliminates from GAAP the concept of extraordinary items. The amendments in this update are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02 which amends ASC Subtopic 810, Consolidations. This amendment affects reporting entities that are required to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities. Specifically, the amendments modify the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are VIEs or voting interest entities; eliminate the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership; affect the consolidation analysis of reporting entities that are involved with VIEs, particularly those that have fee arrangements and related party relationships. The standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The standard may be applied retrospectively or through a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the year of adoption. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03 which amends ASC Subtopic 835-30, Interest Imputation of Interest. The guidance requires debt issuance costs to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct reduction from the associated debt liability. The standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted for financial statements that have not been previously issued. The new guidance will be applied on a retrospective basis. We are evaluating what impact the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-04 which amends ASC Topic 715, Compensation Retirement Benefits. The guidance gives an employer whose fiscal year end does not coincide with a calendar month end the ability, as a practical expedient, to measure defined benefit retirement obligations and related plan assets as of the

month end that is closest to its fiscal year end. The ASU also provides a similar practical expedient for interim remeasurements of significant events. The standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. We are evaluating what impact, if any, the adoption of this guidance will have on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or financial disclosures.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Market risk is the potential for loss due to a change in the value of a financial instrument as a result of fluctuations in interest rates, currency exchange rates or equity prices, as further described below.

Interest Rate Risk

We are subject to market risk exposure related to changes in interest rates on borrowings under the Credit Facilities and commercial paper program. Interest on borrowings under the Credit Facilities is at an agreed upon percentage point spread over LIBOR, or a base rate stated in the agreements. At June 30, 2015, we had no borrowings outstanding under our Credit Facilities and commercial paper program, which is supported by the Credit Facilities.

Access to our commercial paper program is dependent upon our credit ratings. A decline in our credit ratings below investment grade would prohibit us from accessing the commercial paper market. If we were unable to access the commercial paper market, we would likely transfer any outstanding borrowings to our Credit Facilities. Our Credit Facilities have interest rates that are generally higher than those found in the commercial paper market, which would result in increased interest expense in the future.

In addition, our Credit Facilities and certain of our senior unsecured notes have provisions which vary the applicable interest rates based upon our credit ratings. If our credit ratings were to decline to certain specified levels, the interest expense under our Credit Facilities and certain of our senior unsecured notes would increase.

We maintain certain debt instruments at a fixed rate whose fair value will fluctuate based on changes in interest rates and market perceptions of our credit risk. The fair value of our total debt was \$4.6 billion and \$4.5 billion at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. The senior notes issuance of \$1.1 billion in March 2015 was substantially offset by a reduction in indebtedness outstanding under our Credit Facilities and commercial paper program.

Foreign Currency Risk

Although we are a U.K. company, we define foreign currency as any non-U.S. denominated currency. Our functional currency is primarily the U.S. Dollar, which is consistent with the oil and gas industry. However, outside the United States, a portion of our expenses are incurred in local currencies. Therefore, when the U.S. Dollar weakens (strengthens) in relation to the currencies of the countries in which we operate, our expenses reported in U.S. Dollars will increase (decrease).

We are exposed to risks on future cash flows to the extent that local currency expenses exceed revenues denominated in local currency that are other than the functional currency. To help manage this potential risk, we periodically enter into derivative instruments to manage our exposure to fluctuations in currency exchange rates, and we may conduct hedging activities in future periods to mitigate such exposure. These contracts are primarily accounted for as cash flow hedges, with the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the hedge recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheet and in Accumulated other comprehensive loss (AOCL). Amounts recorded in AOCL are reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods that the hedged item is recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the hedged item is recorded directly to earnings. We have documented policies and procedures to monitor and control the use of derivative instruments. We do not engage in derivative transactions for speculative or trading purposes, nor are we a party to leveraged derivatives.

Our North Sea, Australian and Brazilian operations have a significant amount of their cash operating expenses payable in local currencies. To limit the potential risk of currency fluctuations, we periodically enter into forward contracts,

which settle monthly in the operations respective local currencies. All of these contracts have a maturity of less than 12 months. The forward contract settlements in the remainder of 2015 represent approximately 60 percent of these forecasted local currency requirements. The notional amount of the forward contracts outstanding, expressed in U.S. dollars, was approximately \$47 million at June 30, 2015. Total unrealized losses related to these forward contracts were approximately \$0.1 million as of June 30, 2015 and were recorded as part of AOCL. A 10 percent change in the exchange rate for the local currencies would change the fair value of these forward contracts by approximately \$5 million.

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We have a U.S. noncontributory defined benefit pension plan that covers certain salaried employees and a U.S. noncontributory defined benefit pension plan that covers certain hourly employees, whose initial date of employment is prior to August 1, 2004 (collectively referred to as our qualified U.S. plans). These plans are governed by the Noble Drilling Employees Retirement Trust. The benefits from these plans are based primarily on years of service and, for the salaried plan, employees' compensation near retirement. These plans are designed to qualify under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and our funding policy is consistent with funding requirements of ERISA and other applicable laws and regulations. We make cash contributions, or utilize credits available to us, for the qualified U.S. plans when required. The benefit amount that can be covered by the qualified U.S. plans is limited under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1986. Therefore, we maintain an unfunded, nonqualified excess benefit plan designed to maintain benefits for specified employees at the formula level in the qualified salary U.S. plan. We refer to the qualified U.S. plans and the excess benefit plan collectively as the U.S. plans.

In addition to the U.S. plans, each of Noble Drilling (Land Support) Limited and Noble Resources Limited, both indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Noble-UK, maintains a pension plan that covers all of its salaried, non-union employees, whose most recent date of employment is prior to April 1, 2014 (collectively referred to as our non-U.S. plans). Benefits are based on credited service and employees' compensation, as defined by the plans.

Changes in market asset values related to the pension plans noted above could have a material impact upon our Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and could result in material cash expenditures in future periods.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

David W. Williams, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Noble-UK, and James A. MacLennan, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Noble-UK, have evaluated the disclosure controls and procedures of Noble-UK as of the end of the period covered by this report. On the basis of this evaluation, Mr. Williams and Mr. MacLennan have concluded that Noble-UK's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2015. Noble-UK's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by Noble-UK in the reports that it files with or submits to the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

David W. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer of Noble-Cayman, and Dennis J. Lubojacky, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Noble-Cayman, have evaluated the disclosure controls and procedures of Noble-Cayman as of the end of the period covered by this report. On the basis of this evaluation, Mr. Williams and Mr. Lubojacky have concluded that Noble-Cayman's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2015. Noble-Cayman's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by Noble-Cayman in the reports that it files with or submits to the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There was no change in either Noble-UK's or Noble-Cayman's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended June 30, 2015 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the internal control over financial reporting of each of Noble-UK or Noble-Cayman, respectively.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Information regarding legal proceedings is set forth in Notes 6 and 14 to our consolidated financial statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Under UK law, the company is only permitted to purchase its own shares by way of an off-market purchase in a plan approved by shareholders. In December 2014, we received shareholder approval to repurchase up to 37,000,000 ordinary shares, or approximately 15 percent of our outstanding ordinary shares at the time of the shareholder approval. Any repurchases are expected to be funded using cash on hand, cash from operations or short-term borrowings under our Credit Facilities. The authority to make such repurchases will expire on the later of April 2016 or the end of the Company's 2016 annual general meeting of shareholders, at which time we could seek shareholder approval for further repurchases. The company may only fund the purchase of its own shares out of distributable reserves or the proceeds of a new issue of shares made expressly for that purpose. The company currently has adequate distributable reserves to fund its currently approved repurchase plan. If any premium above the nominal value of the purchased shares is paid, it must be paid out of distributable reserves. Any shares purchased by the company out of distributable reserves may be held as treasury shares or cancelled at the company's election. During the three months ended June 30, 2015, there were no repurchases by Noble-UK of its shares.

Item 6. Exhibits

The information required by this Item 6 is set forth in the Index to Exhibits accompanying this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q 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 thereunto duly authorized.

Noble Corporation plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales

/s/ David W. Williams
David W. Williams
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer) August 6, 2015
Date

/s/ James A. MacLennan
James A. MacLennan
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company

/s/ David W. Williams
David W. Williams
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer) August 6, 2015
Date

/s/ Dennis J. Lubojacky
Dennis J. Lubojacky
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

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Exhibit Number	Exhibit
2.1	Merger Agreement, dated as of June 30, 2013, between Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation (Noble-Swiss) and Noble Corporation Limited (Noble-UK) (filed as Exhibit 2.1 to Noble-Swiss Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference).
2.2	Agreement and Plan of Merger, Reorganization and Consolidation, dated as of December 19, 2008, among Noble Corporation, a Swiss corporation (Noble-Swiss), Noble Corporation, a Cayman Islands company (Noble-Cayman), and Noble Cayman Acquisition Ltd. (filed as Exhibit 1.1 to Noble-Cayman s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).
2.3	Amendment No. 1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger, Reorganization and Consolidation, dated as of February 4, 2009, among Noble-Swiss, Noble-Cayman and Noble Cayman Acquisition Ltd. (filed as Exhibit 2.2 to Noble-Cayman s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 4, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).
2.4	Master Separation Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2014, between Noble-Cayman and Paragon Offshore plc. (filed as Exhibit 2.1 to Noble-UK s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 5, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.1	Composite Copy of Articles of Association of Noble-UK, as of June 10, 2014 (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Noble-UK s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
3.2	Memorandum and Articles of Association of Noble-Cayman (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Noble-Cayman s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 30, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.1	Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of January 26, 2015, among Noble-Cayman and Noble International Finance Company, a Cayman Islands company, as borrowers; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and a swingline lender; Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as a swingline lender; the lenders party thereto; Barclays Bank PLC, Citibank, N.A., DNB Bank ASA New York Branch, HSBC Bank USA, N.A., SunTrust Bank and Wells Fargo, as co-syndication agents; BNP Paribas, Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch and Mizuho Bank, Ltd, as co-documentation agents; and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Barclays Bank PLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., DNB Markets, Inc., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as joint lead arrangers and joint lead bookrunners (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Noble-UK s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 29, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.2	364-Day Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of January 29, 2015, among Noble-Cayman and Noble International Finance Company, a Cayman Islands company, as borrowers; JPMorgan, as administrative agent; the lenders party thereto; Barclays Bank PLC, Citibank, N.A. and HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as co-syndication agents; BNP Paribas, as documentation agent; and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Barclays Bank PLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., and HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., as joint lead arrangers and joint lead bookrunners (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Noble-UK s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 29, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.3	Indenture, dated as of March 16, 2015, among Noble Holding International Limited, as Issuer, and Wells Fargo N.A., as Trustee, relating to 4.000% senior notes due 2018, 5.950% senior notes due 2025 and

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6.95% senior notes due 2045 of Noble Holding International Limited (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Noble-UK's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 16, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).

- 4.4 First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 16, 2015, among Noble Holding International Limited, as Issuer, Noble Corporation, as Guarantor, and Wells Fargo N.A., as Trustee, relating to 4.000% senior notes due 2018, 5.950% senior notes due 2025 and 6.95% senior notes due 2045 of Noble Holding International Limited (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Noble-UK's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 16, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.1 Tax Sharing Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2014, between Noble-UK and Paragon Offshore plc. (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to Noble-UK's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 5, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.2 Employee Matters Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2014, between Noble-Cayman and Paragon Offshore plc. (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to Noble-UK's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 5, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.3 Transition Services Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2014, between Noble-Cayman and Paragon Offshore plc. (filed as Exhibit 10.3 to Noble-UK's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 5, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.4 Transition Services Agreement (Brazil), dated as of July 31, 2014, among Paragon Offshore do Brasil Limitada, Paragon Offshore (Nederland) B.V., Paragon Offshore plc, Noble-Cayman, Noble Dave Beard Limited and Noble Drilling (Nederland) II B.V. (filed as Exhibit 10.4 to Noble-UK's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 5, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).

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10.5*	Noble Corporation 2015 Short Term Incentive Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.5 to Noble-UK's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.6*	Noble Corporation 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan, effective May 1, 2015 (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to Noble-UK's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 29, 2015 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.7*	Amended and Restated Form of Noble-UK 2013 Performance-Vested Restricted Stock Unit Award under the Noble-UK 1991 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to Noble-UK's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.8*	Amended and Restated Form of Noble-UK 2014 Performance-Vested Restricted Stock Unit Award under the Noble-UK 1991 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to Noble-UK's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 16, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
31.1	Certification of David W. Williams pursuant to the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a), for Noble-UK and for Noble-Cayman.
31.2	Certification of James A. MacLennan pursuant to the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a), for Noble-UK.
31.3	Certification of Dennis J. Lubojacky pursuant to the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a), for Noble-Cayman.
32.1+	Certification of David W. Williams pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, for Noble-UK and for Noble-Cayman.
32.2+	Certification of James A. MacLennan pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, for Noble-UK.
32.3+	Certification of Dennis J. Lubojacky pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, for Noble-Cayman.
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* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

+ Furnished in accordance with Item 601(b)(32)(ii) of Regulation S-K.