

Noble Corp plc
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (date of earliest event reported): February 28, 2016

NOBLE CORPORATION plc

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

001-36211
(Commission
file number)

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

Devonshire House, 1 Mayfair Place

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London, England
(Address of principal executive offices) **(Zip code)**
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: +44 20 3300 2300

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Noble Corporation plc announced today that its newbuild jackup rig, the *Noble Lloyd Noble*, sustained damage on February 28, 2016 as a result of the collapse of a shipyard crane boom operating near the rig. Damage appears to be confined to one area of the rig, including damage to one of the rig's cranes. The incident resulted in minor injuries to certain shipyard personnel. The Singapore Ministry of Manpower has commenced an investigation into the cause of the incident and access to the rig is limited during the initial phase of the investigation.

Construction on the *Noble Lloyd Noble* was expected to be completed during the second quarter of 2016. Following mobilization of the rig to the North Sea, the rig was expected to commence a four-year primary term contract with Statoil during the third quarter of 2016, with the contract stipulating a commencement date of no later than March 1, 2017. A thorough rig damage assessment is required before a revised schedule of delivery and contract commencement can be determined.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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

Date: March 1, 2016

By: /s/ Dennis J. Lubojacky
Name: Dennis J. Lubojacky
Chief Financial Officer, Vice President and
Title: Controller