

PETRELLO ANTHONY G
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PETRELLO ANTHONY G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD
 [NBR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O NABORS CORPORATE SERVICES, 515 WEST GREENS ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/16/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
PRESIDENT and COO

(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77067

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 8)	V	Amount			
Common Stock	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	M		A	419,250	\$ 12.5	570,262	D
Common Stock	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	M		A	543,000	\$ 12.5	1,113,262	D
Common Stock	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	M		A	417,673	\$ 12.5	1,530,935	D
Common Stock	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	M		A	10,000	\$ 12.625	1,540,935	D
	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	M		A	490,000		2,030,935	D

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Common Stock						\$	12.625	
Common Stock	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	J ⁽¹⁾	10,000	A	\$	12.625	2,020,935 D
Common Stock	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	S	1,869,923	D	\$	56.18	151,012 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.5	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	M		417,673		12/11/1998	01/09/2008	Common Stock	417,673
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.5	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	M		419,250		12/11/1998	07/22/2007	Common Stock	419,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.5	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	M		543,000		12/11/1998	07/22/2007	Common Stock	543,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.625	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	J ⁽¹⁾		10,000		12/30/1998	12/30/2008	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 12.625	03/16/2005	03/16/2005	M		490,000		12/30/1998	12/30/2008	Common Stock	490,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETRELLO ANTHONY G C/O NABORS CORPORATE SERVICES 515 WEST GREENS ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77067	X		PRESIDENT and COO	

Signatures

/s/ ANTHONY G.
PETRELLO

03/18/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Transfer of stock options under a Section 16b-3 employee benefit plan.

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