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the Registrant's web site at <http://www.noblecorp.com>. The report provides certain summary information about the operations of the drilling units of the Registrant. The report is being furnished in accordance with Rule 101 (e) (1) under Regulation FD and shall not be deemed to be filed.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

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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

Date: December 15, 2004

By: /s/ MARK A. JACKSON

Mark A. Jackson,
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer, Controller and Assistant Secretary

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