

PETRELLO ANTHONY G  
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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)  
 02/24/2005

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	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)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/24/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>	50,000	A	\$	57.65
							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)**

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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 or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 57.65	02/24/2005		A	175,000	06/01/2005	02/24/2015	Common Stock	175,000

## 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

ANTHONY G  
PETRELLO 02/28/2005

\*\*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) The restricted stock award vest in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the award.
- (2) Owned directly or indirectly by revocable trust of which the Reporting Person is a trustee and as to which the Reporting Person has voting and dispositive power.

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