NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD

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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Knaster Alexander M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD

(Check all applicable)

[NBR]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2005

C/O NABORS CORPORATE SERVICES, 515 W. GREENS

ROAD

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77067

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

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1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A)

5. Amount of 7. Nature of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Beneficial Owned Direct (D) Ownership **Following** or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported

(Instr. 4)

or Code V (D) Amount Price Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common \$ 05/18/2005 05/18/2005 P 20,000

50,000 D

Stock

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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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amou Under Securi (Instr.	rlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Knaster Alexander M C/O NABORS CORPORATE SERVICES 515 W. GREENS ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77067



Signatures

ALEXANDER M KNASTER

05/19/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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