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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

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subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5
obligations may continue.
See Instruction 1(b).

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</p> <p>PAYNE, JAMES L</p> <hr/> <p><i>(Last) (First) (Middle)</i></p> <p>C/O NABORS CORPORATE SERVICES 515 WEST GREENS ROAD, SUITE 1200</p> <hr/> <p><i>(Street)</i></p> <p>HOUSTON, TX 77067</p> <hr/> <p><i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i></p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. (NBR)</p> <hr/> <p>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</p> <p>02/2003</p> <hr/> <p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i></p> <hr/>	<p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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

1. Title of Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>
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			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/24/03		M	4,050	A	\$24.75	4,050	D

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

1. Title of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	4. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>	
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				Code V	(A)	(D)
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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$24.75	02/24/03		M		4,050
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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$38.75	02/20/03		A(1)	35,000	
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Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned Continued
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	8. Price of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 5)</i>	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
12/07/00	12/07/09	Common Stock	4,050	\$24.75	25,950	D
02/20/04	02/20/13	Common Stock	35,000	\$38.75	35,000	D

Explanation of Responses:

PAYNE, JAMES L
 C/O NABORS CORPORATE SERVICES
 515 WEST GREENS ROAD
 SUITE 1200
 HOUSTON, TX 77067
 Statement for Month/Year: 02/2003
 Issuer Name: NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD. (NBR)

Note: 1 Grant of stock options under a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options vest in three (3) equal amount installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.

/s/ JAMES L PAYNE	02/24/03
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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