PETRELLO ANTHONY G

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD

(Month/Day/Year)

08/22/2011

[NBR]

(Check all applicable)

PRESIDENT AND COO

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O NABORS CORPORATE SERVICES, 515 WEST GREENS

(Street)

ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

HOUSTON, TX 77067

(City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if		orDerivative	Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or				
	Derivative				Disposed of (D)				
	Security				(Instr. 3, 4, and				
					5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.36	08/22/2011		A <u>(1)</u>	750,000	01/01/2012	08/22/2021	Common Stock	750,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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/ Lisa Wysocki by Power of Attorney for Anthony G.

Petrello 08/24/2011

**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) Mr. Petrello has agreed to accept a portion of the annual bonus earned pursuant to his employment agreement through June 30, 2011 in the form of stock options. The options are scheduled to vest in the first quarter of 2012, which is when the bonus is typically paid.

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