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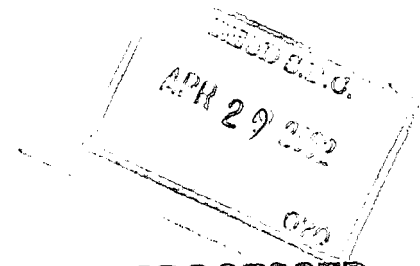
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Noble Corporation, Ordinary Shares, par value \$0.10 per share and Preferred Shares Purchase Rights to Purchase Series A Junior Participating Preferred Shares, par value \$1.00 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on April 29, 2002. Tentative listing date – May 1, 2002.

Sincerely,

Paras Dasha