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# Noble donates \$500K

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Noble Energy Inc. made a \$500,000 gift to the Colorado School of Mines in Golden to help build the campus's new petroleum engineering building, to be called Marquez Hall.

Noble (NYSE: NBL) is based in Houston.

"All of us in the state are proud of Colorado School of Mines, which is one of the premier universities in the United States. It provides an outstanding education and plays an important part in preparing young people for a career in the energy industry," Ted Brown, Noble's Denver-based vice president of the northern region, said in a statement.

Mines has a campaign to raise \$40 million to secure funding for the building and endowments for operations and scholarships.

The 75,000-square-foot facility will accommodate the Petroleum Engineering Department's growing enrollment and expanding research initiatives. Mines' Petroleum Engineering Department is one of the largest in the country, with more than 380 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in its degree programs.

A state-of-the-art visualization laboratory will form the centerpiece of the facility. Visualization technology will enable multi-dimensional, real-time images of exploration, drilling and production operations to be transmitted to Mines' campus in Golden, essentially eliminating the geographic barriers between field work, education and research.

"This significant gift from Noble Energy will help sustain our leadership in petroleum engineering," Mines President M.W. "Bill" Scoggins said in a statement. "The construction of Marquez Hall is instrumental to educating the next generation of petroleum engineers and developing cutting-edge technologies for the energy industry. We are privileged to have such strong support from Noble Energy for this critical project."

Noble operates throughout major basins in the United States including Colorado's Wattenberg Field north of Denver, the Mid-continent region of western Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle, the San Juan Basin in Colorado and New Mexico, the Gulf Coast and the deepwater Gulf of Mexico. In addition, Noble Energy operates internationally in Argentina, China, Ecuador, the Mediterranean Sea, the North Sea, West Africa and Suriname.

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