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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For April 30, 2002

CNOOC Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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1934.)

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Company Press Release

CNOOC Limited Announces First Quarter Financial and Operational Highlights

(Hong Kong, 29 April 2002) CNOOC Limited (NYSE "CEO", SEHK "883", the "Company") today reported unaudited revenues of RMB4.92 billion for the first quarter of 2002, a 3.6% increase from the first quarter of 2001. The effects of lower oil prices on revenues were offset by revenues from production increases from both offshore China and Indonesia business. The average realized price for oil was \$19.01 (not including results from assets acquired from Repsol YPF) in the first quarter, down 23.4% compared to the same quarter last year. The average realized price in the second quarter will likely improve given the recent spike in oil prices.

Total production increased 34.2% from the same quarter last year to reach a record level of 350,781 barrels of oil equivalent (boe) per day. Crude oil and liquids production was 303,647 barrels per day and natural gas production was 283 mscf per day. The increase was largely attributable to a 42.2% increase in crude oil production in the Bohai Bay and the addition of the Indonesian production. In the first quarter, we have met our 2002 production target for the quarter.

CNOOC Limited and its PSC partners plan to drill 63-89 wells in 2002, of which 23 were completed in the first quarter. Of these 23 wells, 16 were conducted independently and 7 were completed in cooperation with PSC partners. During the quarter, the company and its PSC partners also acquired 2,083 km of 2D seismic data and 461 km² of 3D seismic data and the Company continued to meet its HSE objectives.

"It has been a solid quarter, and we are very pleased with the progress we have made with our development projects. We have completed overall development plans for four out of the twelve major development projects planned for 2002, and have officially commenced development of the Xihu Trough Project. We are certainly off to a great start," commented Mr. Fu Chengyu, COO and President of the Company.

The Company has achieved a number of milestones in the first quarter of 2002. On January 11, 2002, Moody's Investors Service changed its rating outlook for both the Company and its Parent, CNOOC, to positive from stable. Both entities were already rated Baa2 by Moody's, which is the highest rating given to any rated Chinese company. With the change, the Company enjoys the highest rating status among all Chinese companies rated by Moody's.

On the heels of the positive change in ratings outlook, CNOOC Limited's wholly-owned subsidiary, CNOOC Finance (2002) Limited, issued US\$500 million in 10-year 6.375% notes on March 1, 2002. The inaugural debt issue priced at a favorable 163 basis points over the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury, which reflected the positive market demand for the issue.

On January 18, 2002, the Company announced the acquisition of nine Repsol YPF subsidiaries that owned working interests in five oil and gas properties in Indonesia. These businesses mainly engage in onshore and offshore exploration, development and production of oil and gas. During the first quarter of 2002, these properties generated net production of 65,411 boe per day and revenues

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of RMB 932.5 million.

"The first quarter has been an eventful one for our Company. The acquisition of certain Repsol YPF Indonesian assets is in line with the Company's overall strategy to focus on production and cash flow grow. We have seen the market's continued affirmation of our business strategy in the beginning of 2002 and we are beginning a new chapter in the

Company's history with the addition of overseas assets," Mr. Wei Liucheng said. He continued, "We will apply the same discipline that exists throughout the Company to the integration of these assets."

First Quarter and Year-to-Date Production Summary(1)

	2001		2002	
	Q1	YTD	Q1	
Crude Oil & Liquids (b/d)				
Bohai Bay	89,442	89,442	127,227	1
Western South China Sea	45,423	45,423	42,528	
Eastern South China Sea	89,627	89,627	75,421	
East China Sea	3,136	3,136	3,732	
Overseas	3,863	3,863	54,739	
Subtotal (b/d)	231,491	231,491	303,647	3
Natural Gas (mmcf/d)				
Bohai Bay	46	46	50	
Western South China Sea	122	122	139	
Eastern South China Sea	-	-	-	
East China Sea	10	10	13	
Overseas	-	-	81	
Subtotal (mmcf/d)	178	178	283	
Total Production (boe/d)	261,297	261,297	350,781	3

First Quarter and Year-to-Date Revenue and Expenditure (Unaudited) (1)

RMB millions

US\$ milli

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	2001		2002		2001	
	Q1	YTD	Q1	YTD	Q1	YTD
Sales Revenue(2) (3) (4)						
Crude oil and liquids	4,288.5	4,288.5	4,230.8	4,230.8	517.9	517.9
Natural gas	370.7	370.7	594.5	594.5	44.8	44.8
Others	91.9	91.9	97.8	97.8	11.1	11.1
Total	4,751.1	4,751.1	4,923.1	4,923.1	573.8	573.8
Capital Expenditures(2)						
Exploration	147.5	147.5	278.9	278.9	17.8	17.8
Development	1,107.8	1,107.8	1,223.3	1,223.3	133.8	133.8
Others	0.5	0.5	14.5	14.5	0.1	0.1
Total	1,255.8	1,255.8	1,516.7	1,516.7	151.7	151.7

(1) Converted to US dollars at RMB 8.28 = US\$1.00

(2) Includes results from recently acquired Repsol YPF Indonesian assets

(3) Does not include sales of oil & gas from Pinghu

(4) Revenue for sales made on behalf of PSC partners based on net amount

Notes to Editors:

CNOOC LIMITED - BACKGROUND

Incorporated in Hong Kong in August 1999, CNOOC Limited (SEHK: 883; NYSE: CEO) is the dominant producer of crude oil and natural gas offshore China. CNOOC Limited is also one of the largest independent crude oil and gas exploration and production companies in the world. As of December 31, 2000, its net proved reserves were 1.8 billion barrels-of-oil equivalents and its net production totaled 239,337 BOE per day.

CNOOC Limited has interests in 45 crude oil and gas properties in four major producing areas: Bohai Bay, Western South China Sea, Eastern South China Sea and East China Sea. The Company is a major oil and gas company in China with approximately 1,000 employees.

CNOOC LIMITED - RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS PARENT COMPANY

CNOOC Limited, incorporated in Hong Kong, is a 70.6% held subsidiary of China National Offshore Oil Corporation ("CNOOC"). CNOOC Limited is the sole vehicle through which CNOOC carries out oil and gas exploration, development and production activities offshore China and internationally.

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CNOOC, the parent company, is involved in the administrative, research, and services functions for the PRC offshore petroleum industry as well as other mid- or downstream petroleum projects.

This press release contains statements that are not historical facts, including statements about beliefs and expectations of the directors of CNOOC Ltd. (the Company). These forward-looking statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and therefore you should not place undue reliance on them. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the directors of the Company undertake no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. You are cautioned that a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Such factors include, but are not limited to changes, of the PRC's economic, political and social conditions as well as government policies.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be issued on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CNOOC Limited

By: /s/ Cao Yunshi

Name: Cao Yunshi
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: April 30, 2002