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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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 26, 2006

CNOOC Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

65th Floor
Bank of China Tower
One Garden Road
Central, Hong Kong
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Company Announcement

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CNOOC Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)

(Stock Code: 883)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board hereby announces certain selected unaudited key operational statistics of the Group for the first quarter of 2006 (ended 31 March 2006). The comparative statistics for the first quarter of 2005 (ended 31 March 2005) are also disclosed in this announcement.

The board of directors of CNOOC Limited (the "Company") (the "Board") hereby announces certain selected unaudited key operational statistics of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the first quarter of 2006 (ended 31 March 2006). The comparative statistics for the first quarter for 2005 (ended 31 March 2005) are also disclosed in this announcement.

The Company's unaudited oil and gas revenue for the first quarter of 2006 amounted to RMB16.43 billion (equivalent to US\$2.039 billion), representing an increase of 43.8% when compared to the same period in 2005. The Company also achieved a total net daily production of 450,463 barrels of oil equivalent (BOE), an increase of 9.5% from the same period in 2005.

Net production by the Company offshore China experienced a growth of 11% in the first quarter of 2006 compared to the same quarter last year, reaching a level of 415,144 barrels of oil equivalent (BOE) per day. Crude oil and liquids production by the Company offshore China was 364,400 barrels per day. The increase of 11.2% in crude oil and liquids production was largely due to increases of production volume from Bohai Bay and Eastern South China Sea. Gas production offshore China was 293 million cubic feet per day, representing an increase of 9.9%.

Total unaudited revenues were RMB16.66 billion (equivalent to US\$2.068 billion) for the first quarter of 2006, representing an increase of 45.1% when compared to the same period in 2005. This revenue growth was largely due to increases of net production volume and higher realized oil and gas prices. The realized crude oil price in the first quarter of 2006 was US\$58.13 per barrel.

The Company's development capital expenditure increased 10.1% to RMB3,292.9 million (equivalent to US\$408.7 million) in the first quarter of 2006, as a result of successful development activities announced at the beginning of this year, while exploration capital expenditures increased 23.7% to RMB426.6 million (equivalent to US\$52.9 million) as a result of intensified exploration activities. In the first quarter of 2006, the Company made three new discoveries offshore China: South BZ28-2S, BZ29-4 and QK18-2E. BZ28-2S is likely to be one of the most significant discoveries offshore China in the recent years.

The Company also made great progress in its overseas business development. During this period, the Company acquired a 45% working interest in Nigeria OML 130 and 35% working interest in OPL 229, and also signed PSC with GEPetrol in relation to Block S in Equatorial Guinea. In addition, the Company also acquired a 25% interest in four blocks of Outer Browse in Australia.

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First Quarter and Year-to-Date Production Summary

| | 2005 | | 2006 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Q1 | YTD | |
| Crude Oil & Liquids (b/d) | | | |
| Bohai Bay | 162,420 | 162,420 | 200,473 |
| Western South China Sea | 54,146 | 54,146 | 45,820 |
| Eastern South China Sea | 109,037 | 109,037 | 116,474 |
| East China Sea | 2,152 | 2,152 | 1,634 |
| Overseas | 23,824 | 23,824 | 19,119 |
| Subtotal (b/d) | 351,579 | 351,579 | 383,519 |
| Natural Gas (mmcf/d) | | | |
| Bohai Bay | 51 | 51 | 65 |
| Western South China Sea | 196 | 196 | 199 |
| Eastern South China Sea | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| East China Sea | 19 | 19 | 20 |
| Overseas | 82 | 82 | 97 |
| Subtotal (mmcf/d) | 348 | 348 | 390 |
| Total Production (boe/d) | 411,424 | 411,424 | 450,463 |

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

| | RMB millions | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | 2005 | 2005 | 2006 | 2006 | 2005 |
| | Q1 | YTD | Q1 | YTD | Q1 |
| Sales Revenue | | | | | |
| Crude oil and liquids | 10,727.2 | 10,727.2 | 15,616.3 | 15,616.3 | 1,296.1 |
| Natural gas | 696.8 | 696.8 | 816.0 | 816.0 | 84.2 |
| Marketing Revenue, | 37.5 | 37.5 | 120.9 | 120.9 | 4.5 |
| net | | | | | |
| Others | 21.3 | 21.3 | 106.8 | 106.8 | 2.6 |
| Total | 11,482.8 | 11,482.8 | 16,660.0 | 16,660.0 | 1,387.4 |
| Capital Expenditures | | | | | |
| Exploration | 344.9 | 344.9 | 426.6 | 426.6 | 41.7 |
| Development | 2,991.9 | 2,991.9 | 3,292.9 | 3,292.9 | 361.5 |
| Total | 3,336.8 | 3,336.8 | 3,719.5 | 3,719.5 | 403.2 |

For the purpose of this announcement, unless otherwise indicated, an exchange rate of US\$1 = RMB8.0575 has been used for the first quarter of 2006, and an

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exchange rate of US\$1 = RMB8.2765 has been used for the first quarter of 2005, where applicable, for purpose of illustration only and does not constitute a representation that any amount have been, could have been or may be exchanged.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Executive Directors | Independent non-executive Directors: |
| Fu Chengyu (Chairman) | Sung Hong Chiu |
| Luo Han | Kenneth S. Courtis |
| Zhou Shouwei | Evert Henkes |
| Cao Xinghe | Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius |
| Wu Zhenfang | Lawrence J. Lau |
| Wu Guangqi | |
| Yang Hua | |

By Order of the Board
CNOOC Limited
Victor Zhikai Gao
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 25 April 2006

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 6-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CNOOC Limited

By: /s/ Victor Zhikai Gao

Name: Victor Zhikai Gao
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: April 26, 2006