

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
March 14, 2008

UNITED STATES  
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 the month of March 2008

Commission File Number 1-14966

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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Yes  No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): Not applicable

Signature

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

CNOOC Limited

By: /s/ Kang Xin  
Name: Kang Xin  
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: March 14, 2008

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit<br>No. | Description  |
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| 99.1           | Announcement dated March 13, 2008, entitled "Date of Board Meeting". |

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(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited  
liability under the Companies Ordinance)  
(Stock Code: 883)

DATE OF BOARD MEETING

The board of directors (the "Board") of CNOOC Limited (the "Company") announces that a meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, 27 March 2008, whereat the Board will, amongst other matters, approve the annual results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2007 and consider the recommendation on payment of a final dividend.

By Order of the  
Board  
CNOOC Limited  
Kang Xin  
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 13 March 2008

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

|                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Executive Directors     | Independent Non-executive Directors |
| Fu Chengyu (Chairman)   | Edgar W. K. Cheng                   |
| Zhou Shouwei            | Chiu Sung Hong                      |
| Wu Guangqi              | Evert Henkes                        |
| Yang Hua                | Lawrence J. Lau                     |
|                         | Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius               |
| Non-executive Directors |                                     |
| Luo Han                 |                                     |
| Cao Xinghe              |                                     |
| Wu Zhenfang             |                                     |

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