

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
July 28, 2009

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 July 2009

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

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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/ Xiao Zongwei  
Name: Xiao Zongwei  
Title: Joint Company Secretary

Dated: July 28, 2009

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated July 28, 2009, entitled "CNOOC Ltd. Announces New Discovery JZ20-2N in Bohai Bay"

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CNOOC LIMITED

For Immediate Release

CNOOC Ltd. Announces New Discovery JZ20-2N in Bohai Bay

(Hong Kong, July 28, 2009) - CNOOC Limited (the "Company" or "CNOOC Ltd.", NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 0883) announced today that the Company has successfully drilled a new discovery – JinZhou (JZ) 20-2N.

JZ 20-2N is located in the northeast of Liaodong Bay, about 4 kilometers north to JZ 20-2 gas field.

The discovery well JZ 20-2N-1 penetrated oil pay zones with total thickness of 33.4 meters. The well drilled to a total depth of 3,720 meters, with water depth of about 16 meters.

The well was tested to flow at an average rate of 1,900 barrels of oil and 3,450 thousand cubic feet of natural gas per day via 8.73mm choke.

Mr. Zhu Weilin, Executive Vice President of the Company and General Manager of Exploration Department commented, "This year we have found a series of discoveries including BZ 2-1, QHD 29-2 and JZ 20-2N. We believe they will contribute to the Company's mid to long term reserve growth."

The Company is making appraisal for JZ 20-2N to determine its reserve scale and commerciality.

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Notes to Editors:

More information about the Company is available at <http://www.cnooc ltd.com>.

This press release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the

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United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding expected future events, business prospectus or financial results. The words “believe,” “intend,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “project,” “estimate,” “plan,” and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on assumptions and analyses made by us that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will meet our expectations and predictions depend on a number of risks and uncertainties which could cause our actual results, performance and financial condition to differ materially from our expectations. For a description of these and other risks and uncertainties, please see the documents we file from time to time with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, including our 2007 Annual Report on Form 20-F filed on June 26, 2008.

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