

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
August 13, 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 August 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: August 13, 2009

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release dated August 13, 2009, entitled “CNOOC Ltd Makes New Discovery in Bohai Bay”.
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Exhibit 99.1

CNOOC LIMITED

For Immediate Release

CNOOC Ltd Makes New Discovery in Bohai Bay

(Hong Kong, Aug 13, 2009) - CNOOC Limited (the "Company" or "CNOOC Ltd.", NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 0883) announced today that the Company has successfully made a new discovery – Qinhuangdao(QHD)35-4 in Shijiutuo Uplift of Bohai Bay.

New discovery QHD35-4 is located in the south of Shijiutuo Uplift in the north central of Bohai Bay, and about 38 kilometers western of QHD32-6 oilfield.

The Company has drilled wells on this structure before. The discovery well QHD35-4-3 penetrated oil pay zones with total thickness of 21.4 meters and proved QHD35-4 a middle-size oilfield. The well drilled to a total depth of 2,215 meters, with water depth of about 26 meters.

During the drill stem test, the well was tested to flow at an average rate of 1,700 barrels of oil and 400 thousand cubic feet of natural gas per day via 11.11mm choke.

Mr. Zhu Weilin, Executive Vice President of the Company and General Manager of Exploration Department commented, "New discovery QHD 35-4 is one of discoveries the Company has made around Shijiutuo Uplift. This area is expected to become new growth point of our reserves."

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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 United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements

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regarding expected future events, business prospectus or financial results. The words “believe,” “intend,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “project,” “estimate,” “plan,” “predict” 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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Exhibit 99.2

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(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 Wednesday, 26 August 2009, whereat the Board will, amongst other matters, approve the release of the interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the six months ended 30 June 2009 and consider the payment of an interim dividend.

By Order of the Board  
CNOOC Limited  
Xiao Zongwei  
Joint Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 13 August 2009

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

Executive Directors  
Fu Chengyu (Chairman)  
Yang Hua  
Wu Guangqi

Independent Non-executive Directors  
Edgar W. K. Cheng  
Chiu Sung Hong  
Lawrence J. Lau  
Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius  
Wang Tao

Non-executive Directors  
Zhou Shouwei  
Cao Xinghe  
Wu Zhenfang