CNOOC LTD Form 6-K August 08, 2012

#### 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 2012

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes \_\_\_\_ No X

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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: Name: Title:

/s/ Hua Zhong Hua Zhong Joint Company Secretary

Dated: August 8, 2012

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

99.1 Announcement dated August 8, 2012, entitled "Date of Board Meeting".