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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 30, 2003

CNOOC Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Strong Oil Prices Boosted CNOOC Limited's First Quarter Revenues by 87%

(Hong Kong, 30 April 2003) CNOOC Limited (NYSE "CEO", SEHK "883") today reported unaudited revenues of RMB 7.50 billion (US\$ 906.0 million) for the first quarter of 2003, an 87.3% increase from the first quarter of 2002. The significant revenue growth was a result of both higher production volume and higher oil prices.

Total production increased by 23.2% from the same quarter last year to reach the level of 351,378 barrels of oil equivalent (boe) per day. Crude oil and liquids production was 308,777 barrels per day and natural gas production was 242 million cubic feet per day. The increase was largely attributable to the addition of the Indonesian production that was not included in the same period of last year. The average realized price for oil was US\$30.33 per barrel in the first quarter, up 59.6% compared to the same quarter last year.

CNOOC Limited and its PSC partners made a number of discoveries, including BZ34-1S-1 oil discovery and PY30-1-2 gas discovery. "It was a solid quarter, all 12 major development projects planned for 2003 are progressing well. Key operating targets for the year are on track," commented Mr. Zhou Shouwei, President of the Company.

On February 8, 2003, the Company completed its acquisition of an equity interest in the Tangguh LNG Project in Indonesia.

"The first quarter was a strong beginning of the year for the Company. On a year-over-year basis, our revenue almost doubled due to high oil prices," commented Mark Qiu, Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President.

First Quarter and Year-to-Date Production Summary

	2002		2003	
	Q1	YTD	Q1	YTD
Crude Oil & Liquids (b/d)				
Bohai Bay	127,277	127,277	125,679	125,679
Western South China Sea	42,528	42,528	67,072	67,072
Eastern South China Sea	75,421	75,421	71,365	71,365
East China Sea	3,732	3,732	2,718	2,718
Overseas	2,795	2,795	41,944	41,944
Subtotal (b/d)	251,703	251,703	308,777	308,777
Natural Gas (mmcf/d)				
Bohai Bay	50	50	42	42
Western South China Sea	139	139	87	87
Eastern South China Sea	-	-	-	-
East China Sea	13	13	15	15
Overseas	-	-	97	97
Subtotal (mmcf/d)	201	201	242	242
Total Production (boe/d)	285,238	285,238	351,378	351,378

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

	RMB millions				US\$ millions(1)			
	2002		2003		2002		2003	
	Q1	YTD	Q1	YTD	Q1	YTD	Q1	YTD
Sales Revenue								
Crude oil and liquids	3,465.0	3,465.0	6,966.0	6,966.0	418.5	418.5	841.6	841.6
Natural gas	427.8	427.8	487.4	487.4	51.7	51.7	58.9	58.9
Marketing Revenue, net	15.6	15.6	16.4	16.4	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0
Others	97.8	97.8	29.4	29.4	11.8	11.8	3.6	3.6
Total	4,006.2	4,006.2	7,499.2	7,499.2	483.8	483.8	906.0	906.0
Capital Expenditures								
Exploration	252.7	252.7	285.4	285.4	30.5	30.5	34.5	34.5
Development	1,012.8	1,012.8	1,116.5	1,116.5	122.3	122.3	134.9	134.9
Others	14.5	14.5	0.3	0.3	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Total	1,280.0	1,280.0	1,402.1	1,402.1	154.6	154.6	169.4	169.4

(1) Converted to US dollars at RMB 8.2800 = US\$1.00 for 2002Q1;
RMB 8.2771 = US\$1.00 for 2003Q1

Notes to Editors:

CNOOC LIMITED - BACKGROUND

Incorporated in Hong Kong in August 1999, CNOOC Limited (SEHK: 883; NYSE: CEO) is the dominant producer of crude oil and natural gas offshore China. CNOOC Limited is also one of the largest independent crude oil and gas exploration and production companies in the world. As of December 31, 2002, its net proved reserves were 2.0 billion barrels-of-oil equivalents and its net production averaged 346,639 BOE per day in 2002.

CNOOC Limited has interests in 45 crude oil and gas properties in four major producing areas: Bohai Bay, Western South China Sea, Eastern South China Sea and East China Sea. The Company is a major oil and gas company in China with slightly over 1,000 employees. The Company has become the largest offshore oil producer in Indonesia after the acquisition of Indonesian assets.

CNOOC LIMITED - RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS PARENT COMPANY

CNOOC Limited, incorporated in Hong Kong, is a 70.6% held subsidiary of China National Offshore Oil Corporation ("CNOOC"). CNOOC Limited is the sole vehicle through which CNOOC carries out oil and gas exploration, development, production and selling activities offshore China and internationally.

CNOOC, the parent company, is involved in the administrative, research, and services functions for the China offshore petroleum industry as well as other mid- or downstream petroleum projects.

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SIGNATURES

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

CNOOC Limited

By: /s/ Cao Yunshi

Name: Cao Yunshi
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: April 30, 2003

