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Company Press Release

CNOOC Limited's QK 18-2 Oilfield in Production

(Hong Kong, June 8, 2004) - CNOOC Limited (together with its subsidiaries, the "Company", NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 883) announced today that Qikou ("QK") 18-2, a new oilfield in the western part of Bohai Bay has come on stream successfully. The field is currently producing more than 2,800 barrels of oil per day from five wells.

Located about six kilometers southwest of the producing field QK 18-1, QK18-2 is part of Boxi oilfields. It consists of a production platform and a subsea pipeline. The field shares some production facilities with other Boxi oilfields.

Mr. Zhou Shouwei, President of the Company, commented, "We have a busy development schedule this year. The successful completion of QK 18-2 constitutes yet another milestone for us. This and other developments will help us achieve offshore China's production target this year and allow us to take advantage of the current oil prices."

The Company owns a 100% interest in the oilfield.

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Notes to Editor

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, 2003, its net proved reserves were 2.1 billion barrels-of-oil equivalents. Daily production for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 was 362,672 BOE (unaudited).

CNOOC Limited is currently engaged in exploration, development and production in four major areas offshore China, which cover Bohai Bay, Western South China Sea, Eastern South China Sea and East China Sea. The Company is also one of the largest offshore crude producers in Indonesia.

The Company has about 2,447 employees.

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 its 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

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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 on Form 6-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CNOOC Limited

By: /s/ Cao Yunshi

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Dated: June 8, 2004