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Company Press Release

CNOOC Limited Made Record Interim Results Again

(Hong Kong, August 29, 2006) CNOOC Limited (the "Company" or "CNOOC Ltd."; NYSE "CEO", SEHK "883") announced today, its financial and operating results in the first half of 2006 hit the highest record since its listing, with total revenues, net profits and net production all increased steadily. The total revenue of the Company amounted to RMB 48.34 billion, a year on year (yoy) increase of 47.2%. The net profit reached RMB 16.28 billion, a yoy increase of 37.6%, and net oil and gas production 81.7 million BOE, a yoy increase of 7.4%.

For the first half of 2006, the Company has generated RMB 35.48 billion from oil and gas sales, representing an increase of 43.4% over the same period last year. The stable growth of oil and gas production, together with rise in average realized oil prices, are the main driving forces for the notable increase in revenue from oil and gas sales. Our average realized oil price reached US\$62.39 per barrel, up 42.1% from the same period last year.

Meanwhile, the Company produced 68.3 million barrels of crude oil and 77.6 billion cubic feet of natural gas. The net oil and gas production from offshore China was 74.4 million BOE, up 7.2% from the same period last year.

Mr. Fu Chengyu, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, commented "Benefiting from favorable external operating environment, as well as our solid and healthy operational performance, we have achieved exciting operating results in the first half of this year."

In the past six months, all of our operations proceeded smoothly. As of June 30 2006, we have made 6 new oil and gas discoveries and appraised 2 structures successfully. Moreover, 4 oil and gas projects have commenced production as scheduled.

Meanwhile, our natural gas business made encouraging progress. Our partner, Husky, has made the first deepwater gas discovery, Liwan 3-1, in South China Sea. In addition, the first shipment of liquefied natural gas from the Australian Northwest Shelf gas project successfully arrived at Guangdong LNG terminal.

We have also achieved new breakthroughs in our overseas business development. In the first half, we completed the acquisition of a 45% interest in Nigerian OML 130 block, and further extended our exploration activities to Equatorial Guinea, Australia, Kenya, etc.

Our earnings per share in the first half of 2006 are RMB 0.39. The board of directors has approved the payment of an interim dividend of HK\$ 0.12 per share, to share the stable growth of the Company with our shareholders.

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

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SIGNATURE

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/ Victor Zhikai Gao

Name: Victor Zhikai Gao
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: August 29, 2006

