

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
March 19, 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 March 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: March 19, 2009

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release dated March 19, 2009, entitled "CNOOC Ltd. Announces the Production from BZ28-2S".

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For Immediate Release

CNOOC Ltd. Announces the Production from BZ28-2S

(Hong Kong, March 19, 2009) - CNOOC Limited (the "Company" or "CNOOC Ltd.", NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 0883) announced today that its Bozhong (BZ) 28-2S oil field successfully commenced production with 4000 barrels of oil per day via 4 wells.

BZ 28-2S, located in the south of Bohai Bay with a water depth of 21 meters, is the largest field among all the oil projects expected to come on stream this year offshore China.

BZ 28-2S, together with BZ29-4, BZ28-2SN and BZ34-1N, is subject to joint development to maximize the commercial value. These oil fields, adjacent to each other, are collectively named as BZ28-2S oil fields, of which BZ28-2S is the first to start production.

The production is expected to ramp up an average 25,000 barrels of oil per day by 2011.

The main development facilities include one central platform, 49 wells and one FPSO. By sharing facilities, BZ28-2S and other fields will be developed in a more effective way.

According to the Company's 2009 plan, there will be five new projects coming on stream in Bohai Bay. The early start-up of BZ28-2S will serve to accelerate the development of the other four projects.

BZ28-2S is an independent field of CNOOC Ltd which was discovered in 2006.

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Notes to Editors:

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

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