

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
January 28, 2013

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 January 2013

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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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/ Hua Zhong  
Name: Hua Zhong  
Title: Joint Company Secretary

Dated: January 28, 2013

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Announcement dated January 28, 2013, entitled “Extension of the Outside Date of the Arrangement Agreement Relating to the Proposed Acquisition of Nexen”.

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Exhibit 99.1

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EXTENSION OF THE OUTSIDE DATE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE  
PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF NEXEN

Reference is made to the Company's announcements dated 23 July 2012, 10 August 2012, 21 September 2012 and 6 December 2012, respectively (the "Announcements") and the circular dated 20 December 2012 the "Circular" in relation to the Proposed Acquisition by the Company (through its wholly-owned subsidiary, the Purchaser) of the Nexen Shares pursuant to a Plan of Arrangement under the CBCA. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcements and the Circular unless the context requires otherwise.

As announced by the Company on 23 July 2012, according to the Arrangement Agreement, either the Company, the Purchaser or Nexen may terminate the Arrangement Agreement, among other events, if the Arrangement does not occur by 31 January 2013 (the "Outside Date"), subject, if certain regulatory approvals are not received, to any party's right to extend the Outside Date from time to time, provided that in aggregate such extensions shall not exceed 75 business days from 31 January 2013.

Since additional time is required to obtain relevant regulatory approval, on 25 January 2013, the Company and Nexen mutually agreed to extend the Outside Date by 30 days to 2 March 2013.

Further announcement on the progress of the Proposed Acquisition will be made as appropriate.

Shareholders and potential investors should note that the Proposed Acquisition is subject to various conditions which may or may not be fulfilled. There is therefore no assurance that the Proposed Acquisition will proceed and, if it proceeds, on what terms it may proceed. Shareholders and potential investors are reminded to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares of the Company.

By Order of the Board  
CNOOC Limited  
Zhong Hua  
Joint Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 28 January 2013

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises the following:

Executive Directors

Li Fanrong  
Wu Guangqi

Independent Non-executive Directors

Chiu Sung Hong  
Lawrence J. Lau  
Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius  
Wang Tao

Non-executive Directors

Wang Yilin (Chairman)  
Yang Hua (Vice Chairman)  
Zhou Shouwei  
Wu Zhenfang