

CNOOC LTD
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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 the Month of October, 2006

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/ Victor Zhikai Gao
Name: Victor Zhikai Gao
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: October 13, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release dated October 11, 2006, entitled CNOOC Ltd Announces the Startup of Project QK 17-2E

CNOOC Ltd Announces the Startup of Project QK 17-2 E

(Hong Kong, October 11, 2006) - CNOOC Limited (NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 883, the Company) announced today that Project Qi Kou (QK) 17-2E in Bohai Bay has come on stream successfully. The project is producing over 2,400 barrels of oil per day currently.

This project is located in the southeast of the oil field QK 17-2 in Western Bohai Bay. The average water depth ranges from 5 to 7 meters. With production, QK 17-2 E will become an important part of Boxi oil fields.

The development facilities of Project QK 17-2E include: one wellhead platform and 6 producing wells. To take advantage of other neighboring fields and enhance the economic efficiency, the Company has designed an unmanned central platform and remote control daily production.

Mr. Liu Jian, Executive Vice President of the Company commented, I am pleased to see the startup of this project on schedule. The unmanned platform of this project will facilitate the Company to enhance operational efficiency effectively while realizing the growth of production. During new project development, CNOOC Ltd. has always placed equal importance on speed and efficiency. Project QK17-2E is one good example.

QK 17-2 E is a project which CNOOC Ltd. holds 100% interests.

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Notes to Editors:

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

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