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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 August 4, 2004

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)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F)

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Yes No X
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Company Press Release

CNOOC Made More Wildcat Discovery in Bohai Bay

(Hong Kong, August 4, 2004) - CNOOC Limited (together with its subsidiaries, the "Company", NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 883) announced today that it has made an oil discovery with the exploration well JZ21-1S-1.

Located on JZ21-1 south structure in Liaozhong Sag in Bohai Bay, Well JZ21-1S-1 was drilled to a total depth around 2400 meters in water depth of 20 meters. On 7.94mm and 7.14mm chokes, the well flowed about 700 and 500 barrels of oil equivalent per day, respectively, during two drill stem tests.

Mr. Zhang Guohua, Senior Vice President of the Company, commented, "JZ21-1S-1 underscores the strength of our exploration portfolio in Bohai Bay. We are encouraged by the preliminary results of the well."

The Company acts as the operator and owns a 100% interest in the discovery.

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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 oil 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 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 mid- or downstream petroleum projects.

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This press release contains statements that are not historical facts, including statements about beliefs and expectations of the directors of CNOOC Limited (the "Company"). These forward-looking statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and therefore you should not place undue

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reliance on them. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the directors of the Company undertake no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. You are cautioned that a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Such factors include, but are not limited to, changes in PRC economic, political and social conditions as well as government policies.

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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

Name: Cao Yunshi
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: August 4, 2004