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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 October 25, 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)

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Company Announcement

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CNOOC Limited

[Company Name in Chinese Characters]

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)

(Stock Code: 883)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board hereby announces certain selected unaudited key operational statistics of the Group for the third quarter of 2004 (ended 30 September 2004). The comparative statistics for the third quarter of 2003 (ended 30 September 2003) are also disclosed in this announcement.

The board of directors of CNOOC Limited ("Company") (the "Board") hereby announces certain selected unaudited key operational statistics of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the third quarter of 2004 (ended 30 September 2004). The comparative statistics for the third quarter of 2003 (ended 30 September 2003) are also disclosed in this announcement.

The offshore China production of the Company experienced growth of 22.7% in the third quarter of 2004 from the same quarter last year reaching the level of 33.4 million barrels of oil equivalent ("mmbob"). Crude oil and liquids production of the Company was 28.6 million barrels ("mmbbl") and natural gas production was 27.6 billion cubic feet (bcf). The increase was largely due to a 67.0% increase in crude oil and liquids production in Eastern South China Sea and a 72.0% increase in natural gas production from Western South China Sea. Offshore China production for the first nine months of this year increased 13.6% year-on-year ("YOY").

The Company's reported total net entitlement production increased 14.4% from 32.5 mmbob in the third quarter of 2003 to 37.2 mmbob in the same period this year. Crude oil and liquids production and natural gas production was 31.1 mmbbl and 35.3 bcf, respectively. Indonesian assets contributed a total working interest production of 8.3 mmbob.

Total unaudited revenues were RMB11.4 billion (equivalent of US\$1.373 billion) for the third quarter of 2004, a 65.5% increase from the third quarter of 2003. This revenue growth was a result of higher realized oil price and production growth. Total revenues for the first nine months of this year increased by 29.9% YOY to RMB 27.6 billion (US \$3.33 billion). The average realized oil and gas prices were US\$40.28 per barrel and US\$2.87 per thousand cubic feet respectively in the third quarter. And the year-to-date average realized oil and gas prices were US\$35.12 per barrel and US\$2.87 per thousand cubic feet. Indonesian operations contributed revenues of RMB1.057 billion (equivalent of US\$127.7 million) and EBITDE (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization and Exploration Expenses) of RMB657.5 million (equivalent of US\$79.4 million) for the third quarter.

CFD 11-1/11-2 came on stream in July, ahead of the schedule. The Company has also made one wildcat and seven appraisal successes offshore China in the third quarter.

Third Quarter and Year-to-Date Offshore China Production Summary

| | 2003 | | 2004 | |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|------|-----|
| Crude Oil & Liquids (mmbbl) | Q3 | YTD | Q3 | YTD |

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|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Bohai Bay | 12.31 | 34.79 | 12.46 | 35.72 |
| Western South China Sea | 5.01 | 17.29 | 5.12 | 15.82 |
| Eastern South China Sea | 6.47 | 19.43 | 10.80 | 26.44 |
| East China Sea | 0.24 | 0.72 | 0.19 | 0.62 |
| Subtotal (mmbbl) | 24.03 | 72.23 | 28.57 | 78.60 |
| Natural Gas (bcf) | | | | |
| Bohai Bay | 4.40 | 12.56 | 4.47 | 12.44 |
| Western South China Sea | 12.65 | 31.01 | 21.77 | 56.96 |
| Eastern South China Sea | - | - | - | - |
| East China Sea | 1.12 | 3.59 | 1.39 | 4.57 |
| Subtotal (bcf) | 18.17 | 47.16 | 27.63 | 73.97 |
| Total Production (mmeob) | 27.2 | 80.6 | 33.4 | 91.6 |

Third Quarter and Year-to-Date Revenue and Expenditure (Unaudited)

| | RMB millions | | | | US\$ million | |
|------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|----------|--------------|---------|
| | 2003 Q3 | YTD | 2004 Q3 | YTD | 2003 Q3 | YTD |
| Sales Revenue | | | | | | |
| Crude oil and liquids | 6,119.0 | 19,242.0 | 10,455.6 | 25,120.0 | 739.3 | 2,324.9 |
| Natural gas | 621.0 | 1,682.0 | 789.3 | 2,152.5 | 75.0 | 203.2 |
| Marketing Revenue, net | 37.0 | 76.0 | 86.7 | 187.7 | 4.5 | 9.2 |
| Others | 91.0 | 228.0 | 34.9 | 104.9 | 11.0 | 27.5 |
| Total | 6,867.0 | 21,228.0 | 11,366.5 | 27,565.1 | 829.7 | 2,564.9 |
| Capital Expenditures | | | | | | |
| Exploration | 169.9 | 934.3 | 747.4 | 1,718.4 | 20.5 | 112.9 |
| Development | 1,957.1 | 5,348.6 | 3,595.5 | 8,445.9 | 236.5 | 646.2 |
| Others | 1,949.1 | 4,296.2 | 11.3 | 5,021.6 | 235.5 | 519.1 |
| Total | 4,076.0 | 10,579.2 | 4,354.3 | 15,185.9 | 492.5 | 1,278.2 |

For the purpose of this announcement, unless otherwise indicated, the exchange rate at US\$1 = RMB 8.2765 has been used, where applicable, for purpose of illustration only and does not constitute a representation that any amount have been, could have been or may be exchanged.

The Board comprises:

Executive Directors
Fu Chengyu (Chairman)
Jiang Longsheng
Zhou Shouwei
Luo Han

Independent non-executive Directors:
Chiu Sung Hong
Dr. Kenneth S. Courtis
Dr. Erwin Schurtenberger
Evert Henkes

By Order of the Board
Cao Yunshi
Company Secretary

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Hong Kong, 25th October, 2004

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: October 25, 2004