

CNOOC LTD  
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December 18, 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 December 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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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/ Hua Zhong  
Name: Hua Zhong  
Title: Joint Company Secretary

Dated: December 18, 2013

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated December 18, 2013, entitled "Qikou 18-1 Adjustment Project Starts Production".

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Exhibit 99.1

CNOOC LIMITED

For Immediate Release

Qikou 18-1 Adjustment Project Starts Production

(Hong Kong, December 18, 2013) - CNOOC Limited (the "Company", NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 00883, TSX: CNU) announced today that Qikou 18-1 adjustment project has recently commenced production.

Qikou 18-1 oil field is located in the west part of Bohai with an average water depth of 10 meters. In addition to fully utilize the existing producing facilities, this adjustment project has also built one plug-in processing facility and two production platforms. The commencement of this project will further improve the production and overall processing capability of the field and make the development of this field more effectively. The adjustment project is expected to hit its peak production in 2014.

Qikou 18-1 is an independent oil field in which the Company holds 100% interest and acts as the Operator.

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Notes to Editors:

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

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This press release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding expected future events, business prospectus or financial results. The words "expect", "anticipate", "continue", "estimate", "objective", "ongoing", "may", "will", "project", "should", "believe", "plans", "intends" and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on assumptions and analysis made by the Company in light of its experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors that the Company believes reasonable under the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will meet the Company's expectations and predictions depends on a number of risks and uncertainties which could cause the actual results, performance and financial conditions to differ materially from the Company's expectations, including those

associated with fluctuations in crude oil and natural gas prices, the exploration or development activities, the capital expenditure requirements, the business strategy, whether the transactions entered into by the Company can complete on schedule pursuant to its timetable or at all, the highly competitive nature of the oil and natural gas industries, the foreign operations, environmental liabilities and compliance requirements, and economic and political conditions in the People's Republic of China. For a description of these and other risks and uncertainties, please see the documents the Company has filed from time to time with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, including 2012 Annual Report on Form 20-F filed on April 24, 2013.

Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this press release are qualified by these cautionary statements. The Company cannot assure that the results or developments anticipated will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected effect on the Company, its business or operations.

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