

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
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**United States**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 6-K**

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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**  
**PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the Month of November, 2006

Commission File Number: 1-14966

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**CNOOC Limited**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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65th Floor

Bank of China Tower

One Garden Road

Central, Hong Kong

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

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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: November 1, 2006

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated October 30, 2006, entitled CNOOC Ltd. Starts Production from WZ 6-1

**CNOOC Ltd. Starts Production from WZ 6-1**

(Hong Kong, October 30, 2006) - CNOOC Limited (NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 883, the Company ) announced today that it has successfully brought on stream Wei Zhou (WZ) 6-1, an independent oilfield in the Western South China Sea. The new field, via two wells, is producing over 2,500 barrels of oil per day currently.

WZ6-1 is located in the Beibu Gulf, about 65 kilometers from Beihai city, Guangxi province. The field, with an average water depth of 35 meters, is also near the producing field WZ11-4 and WZ12-1.

There is only one unmanned wellhead platform in WZ6-1 oil field. Its development mainly relied on the facilities and sub-sea pipelines of the adjacent WZ 12-1 oil field.

WZ 6-1 is expected to see 3,700 barrels of oil per day at its peak production.

Mr. Liu Jian, Executive Vice President of the Company commented, "The successful startup of WZ6-1, a marginal oil field, is a further evidence of the improvement of our ability to develop oil and gas resources. It is also the Company's new progress in implementing its rolling exploration strategy on Weixinan Trough in the Beibu Gulf."

CNOOC Ltd. holds 100% interests of the field.

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**Notes to Editors:**

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

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