

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
January 17, 2017

**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 January 2017

Commission File Number 1-14966

**CNOOC Limited**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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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/ Jiewen Li  
Name: Jiewen Li  
Title: Joint Company Secretary  
Dated: January 17, 2017

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | Press Release entitled "Enping 23-1 Oilfields Commences Production" |

CNOOC LIMITED

*For Immediate Release*

**Enping 23-1 Oilfields Commences Production**

(Hong Kong, January 17 2017) - CNOOC Limited (the “Company”, SEHK: 00883, NYSE: CEO, TSX: CNU) today announced that the Enping 23-1 oilfields has commenced production.

The Enping 23-1 oilfields, located in the Pearl River Mouth Basin of the South China Sea with an average water depth of approximately 90 meters. In addition to fully utilizing the existing facilities of Enping 24-2 oilfield, the Overall Development Program (ODP) of Enping 23-1 project teamed up with Enping 23-2, Enping 23-7 and Enping 18-1 oilfields for regional joint development. The main production facilities of Enping 23-1, Enping 23-2 and Enping 23-7 oilfields include one platform and 13 producing wells. There are currently three wells producing approximately 5,600 barrels of crude oil per day. The project is expected to reach its ODP designed peak production of approximately 24,800 barrels of crude oil per day in 2018.

The Company holds 100% interest of the oilfields.

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**Notes to Editors:**

**More information about the Company is available at <http://www.cnooc ltd.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”, “s”, “believe”, “plans”, “intends” and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on assumptions and analyses made by the Company in light of its experience and its perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors the Company believes are appropriate under the circumstances. However,

whether actual results and developments will meet the expectations and predictions of the Company depends on a number of risks and uncertainties which could cause the actual results, performance and financial condition to differ materially from the Company's expectations, including but not limited to 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 Group can complete on schedule pursuant to their terms and 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 files from time to time with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Annual Report on Form 20-F filed in April of the latest fiscal year.

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 realised or, even if substantially realised, that they will have the expected effect on the Company, its business or operations.

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