CNOOC LTD Form 6-K March 12, 2012

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 March 2012

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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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/ Jiang Yongzhi Name: Jiang Yongzhi

Title: Joint Company Secretary

Dated: March 12, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Announcement dated March 12, 2012, entitled "Date of Board Meeting".

Exhibit 99.1

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DATE OF BOARD MEETING

The board of directors (the "Board") of CNOOC Limited (the "Company") announces that a meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, 28 March 2012, whereat the Board will, amongst other matters, approve the annual results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2011 and consider the recommendation on payment of a final dividend.

By Order of the Board CNOOC Limited Jiang Yongzhi Joint Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 12 March 2012

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

Executive Directors Independent Non-executive Directors

Li Fanrong Chiu Sung Hong Wu Guangqi Lawrence J. Lau

Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius

Wang Tao

Non-executive Directors Wang Yilin (Chairman) Yang Hua (Vice Chairman) Zhou Shouwei

Wu Zhenfang