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Company Press Release

Mr. Shouwei Zhou Appointed President of CNOOC Limited

(Hong Kong, August 8, 2002) - CNOOC Limited (the "Company", SEHK: 883; NYSE: CEO) announced today that the Board appointed Mr. Zhou Shouwei, former Executive Vice President of the Company, as the President of CNOOC Limited, effective immediately.

Mr. Zhou Shouwei replaces Mr. Fu Chengyu who is moving to CNOOC Services Limited, a subsidiary of CNOOC, as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Zhou, aged 51, was appointed as an Executive Director and Executive Vice President of the Company in September 1999. An experienced veteran in E&P operations and development, he was the President of China Offshore Oil Bohai Corporation. He joined CNOOC in 1982. He is currently also a Vice President of CNOOC Group.

"Shouwei brings a wealth of operational leadership and track record. The Board and I are confident that he will strengthen the Company's ability to meet its ambitious growth target," commented Mr. Wei Liucheng, Chairman and CEO of the Company. "The Board and I are also thankful to Mr. Fu for his excellent service. The Company has shown strong performance under his watch. I have very high regards for his leadership and performance. We are also happy to have an E&P veteran with a successful track record at the helm of CNOOC Services Limited."

Mr. Zhou received a Ph.D. degree from the Southwest China Petroleum Institute.

Mr. Fu will remain as an Executive Director of the Company.

Notes to Editors:

CNOOC LIMITED - BACKGROUND

Incorporated in Hong Kong in August 1999, the Company is the dominant producer of crude oil and natural gas offshore China. The Company is also one of the largest independent crude oil and gas exploration and production companies in the world. As of December 31, 2001, its net proved reserves were 1.8 billion barrels-of-oil equivalents and its net production totaled 261,379 BOE per day.

The Company has interests in 45 crude oil and gas properties in four major producing areas: Bohai Bay, Western South China Sea, Eastern South China Sea and East China Sea. The Company is a major oil and gas company in China with slightly over 1,000 employees. The Company has become the largest offshore producer in Indonesia after the acquisition of Indonesian assets.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be issued on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CNOOC Limited

By: /s/ Cao Yunshi

Name: Cao Yunshi
Title: Company Secretary,
General Counsel and
Senior Vice President

Dated: August 8, 2002