

CNOOC LTD
Form 6-K
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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 April 2015

Commission File Number 1-14966

CNOOC Limited
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

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CNOOC Limited Announces Proposed Offering of Guaranteed Notes

CNOOC Limited (the “Company”, NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 00883, TSX: CNU) announced on April 27, 2015 (New York time) that it intended to offer, subject to market and other conditions, guaranteed notes (the “Notes”) in three series. The Notes will be issued by CNOOC Finance (2015) Australia Pty Ltd, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company incorporated in Victoria, Australia, and by CNOOC Finance (2015) U.S.A. LLC, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company formed in Delaware, U.S.A., and will be guaranteed by the Company. The proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes.

Application has been made to The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for listing of, and permission to deal in, the Notes by way of debt issue to professional investor only. Listing of the Notes on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of the Notes, the Company, CNOOC Finance (2015) Australia Pty Ltd or CNOOC Finance (2015) U.S.A. LLC.

BOCI Asia Limited (), Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Goldman Sachs L.L.C. are the joint global coordinators, joint lead managers and joint bookrunners for the offering. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Securities Limited, ICBC International Securities Limited, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, Société Générale and Standard Chartered Bank are the joint bookrunners for the offering.

The offering of the Notes will be made pursuant to the Company's shelf registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-188261) filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "US SEC") on May 1, 2013, as amended by the post-effective amendment No. 1 to the registration statement filed with the US SEC on April 22, 2014, and by the post-effective amendment no.2 to the shelf registration statement filed with the US SEC on April 27, 2015. A preliminary prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus have been filed with the US SEC in connection with this offering. The offering may only be made by means of the prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. Copies of the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be obtained from Citigroup Global Markets Inc., c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, New York 11717, telephone: 1-800-831-9146; Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Eleven Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010-3629, United States of America, telephone: 1-212-325-2000; Prospectus Department, Goldman Sachs & Co, 200 West Street, New York, NY 10282, telephone: 1-866-471-2526 / 1-212-902-9316; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, 55/F, Cheung Kong Center, 2 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong; China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Securities Limited, 29th Floor, One International Finance Centre, 1 Harbour View Street, Central, Hong Kong; ICBC International Securities Limited, 37/F, ICBC Tower, 3 Garden Road, Hong Kong; J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179, Fax: +1 212 834 6081, Attn: Investment Grade Finance; Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, Prospectus Department, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, 180 Varick Street, New York, NY 10014; Société Générale, 29, boulevard Haussmann, 75009 Paris France; or Standard Chartered Bank, Marina Bay Financial Centre, Tower 1, 8 Marina Boulevard, Level 20, Singapore 018981, Facsimile: +65 6535 1931, Attention: Capital Markets.

This document does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Notes, nor will there be any sale of the Notes in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

About CNOOC Limited

CNOOC Limited is the largest producer of offshore crude oil and natural gas in China and one of the largest independent oil and gas exploration and production companies in the world. CNOOC Limited mainly engages in exploration, development, production and sale of crude oil and natural gas.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, without limitation, statements regarding the offering of the notes and the use of proceeds therefrom in connection with the offering, which are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. The words “expect”, “anticipate”, “continue”, “estimate”, “objective”, “ongoing”, “may”, “will”, “project”, “should”, “believe”, “p” 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 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 its 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 2014 Annual Report on Form 20-F filed on April 22, 2015.

Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this press release are qualified by these cautionary statements. The Company cannot assure that the proposed offering and the related transactions will be completed or, even if completed, that they will have the expected effect on the Company, its business or operations.

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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: April 27, 2015
