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October 17, 2001

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 October 17, 2001

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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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file  
annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F)

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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934.)

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Company Press Release  
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QHD 32-6 Development Successfully Completed

(Beijing, October 16, 2001) - CNOOC Limited (the "Company", NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 883) announced today that Qinhuangdao 32-6 ("QHD 32-6") oil field, which was scheduled for startup in the fourth quarter of 2001, has been brought on

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stream successfully.

QHD 32-6 is located in the central to northern part of Bohai Bay, 130 km from the city of Tianjin. It holds a recoverable reserve of 103 million barrels net to the Company. The development of QHD 32-6 includes 6 producing wellhead platforms. The development planned for this year consists of wellhead platform A and B, a single point moor and an FPSO.

QHD 32-6 is jointly owned by the Company (51%), Texaco (24.5%) and BP (24.5%). The Company is the operator. The overall development is expected to be completed in 2002. The designed peak capacity of the entire field is over 65,000 barrels per day.

"All development projects scheduled to complete this year have thus far all been brought into production," said Mr. Zhou Shouwei, Executive Vice President of the Company. "The successful completion of the development program for the year has greatly removed uncertainties surrounding achieving this year's production target and reaching production growth for next year."

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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, 2000, its net proved reserves were 1.8 billion barrels-of-oil equivalents and its net production totaled 239,337 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 approximately 1,000 employees.

### CNOOC LIMITED - RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS PARENT COMPANY

The Company is a 70.6% held subsidiary of China National Offshore Oil Corporation ("CNOOC"). The Company is the sole vehicle through which CNOOC carries out oil and gas exploration, development and production activities offshore China and internationally.

CNOOC, the parent company, is involved in the administrative, research and services functions for the PRC offshore petroleum industry as well as other mid- or down-stream petroleum projects.

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This press release contains statements that are not historical facts, including statements about beliefs and expectations of the directors of the Company. These forward-looking statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and therefore you should not place undue reliance on them. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the directors of the Company undertake no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. You are cautioned that a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Such factors include,

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but are not limited to, changes of the PRC's economic, political and social conditions as well as government policies.

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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

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Name: Cao Yunshi  
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: October 17, 2001