

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
December 13, 2006

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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  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of December, 2006

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 office)

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

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**SIGNATURES**

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

Date: December 13, 2006

By: /s/ Victor Zhikai Gao \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Victor Zhikai Gao

Title: Company Secretary

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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| 99.1               | Press release dated December 12, 2006, entitled "New Deepwater Contracts Are Signed Between CNOOC And Its Partner" |

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