

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
January 28, 2008

**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 January 2008

Commission File Number 1-14966

**CNOOC Limited**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

65<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bank of China Tower  
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Central, Hong Kong

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes  No

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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/ Kang Xin  
Name: Kang Xin  
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: January 28, 2008

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <u>Exhibit<br/>No.</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
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| 99.1                   | Press release dated January 28, 2008, entitled "CNOOC Ltd. Ink A Deal with Talisman on Tangguh LNG Project". |

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***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

**CNOOC Ltd. Ink A Deal with Talisman on Tangguh LNG Project**

(Hong Kong, Jan 28 2008) - CNOOC Limited (NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 883, "the Company") announced today, it has reached agreement with Talisman Energy Inc. to sell a 3.06% working interest in the Tangguh LNG Project with a consideration of US\$ 212.5 million. The transaction has been completed through the equity transfer of an indirect subsidiary of CNOOC Limited and became effective on 1 January 2008 (Hong Kong time).

The Tangguh LNG Project, located in West Papua, Indonesia, consists of a number of offshore gas wells, production facilities, pipelines and LNG plant facilities with a nameplate capacity of 7.6 million tons per year. The Project comprises three PSC areas: the Berau PSC, the Muturi PSC and the Wiriagar PSC. First LNG is expected in late 2008.

Before the transaction, CNOOC Ltd. owned 16.96% of working interests in Tangguh project.

"Such an agreement between both companies is consistent with the portfolio management strategy of CNOOC Ltd. so as to maximize shareholders' value", Mr. Fu Chengyu, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company commented, "With significant presence remained in Tangguh project, we welcome Talisman as a new partner to further develop the gas business, which I believe, will bring generous return to the Company and the shareholders as a whole."

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**Tangguh Fast Facts**

## Field Characteristics

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| Location  | Bintuni Bay, Papua  |
| Production sharing contracts                    | Berau, Wiriagar and Muturi  |
| Date discovered                                 | 1994  |
| Water depth of the platform                     | Up to 60 meters   |
| Proven reserves                                 | 14.4 tcf gas  |
| Development components                          | Two wellhead platforms offshore exporting unprocessed gas via 24 inch diameter pipelines running 22 km to LNG plant onshore   |
| Development consent                             | March 2005  |
| First LNG                                       | Late 2008   |
| Max. design capacity for LNG plant (two trains) | 7.6 mmtpa   |
| Partners  | BP Berau Ltd 37.16%<br>MI Berau B.V 16.30%<br>CNOOC Ltd. 13.90%<br>Nippon Oil Exploration (Berau), Ltd 12.23%<br>KG Berau/KG Wiriagar 10.00%<br>LNG Japan Corporation 7.35%<br>Talisman 3.06% |
| Estimated development cost                      | \$US 5 billion  |

## Offshore Gas Production Facilities

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| Lead contractor                       | PT Saipem Indonesia   |
| Platforms                             | Two, 6 legged, normally unattended wellhead platforms controlled from shore |
| Well slots                            | 16 per platform   |
| Weight                                | Deck : Approx. 1800 MT, Jacket : 2100 MT                                    |
| Dimensions (height and width at base) | Jackets: approx. 67m (h) x 20mx30m (w).<br>Decks : Approx. 30m x 35 m (w)   |
| Where built                           | PT Guna Nusa fabrication yard, Cilegon                                      |
| Date installed                        | 1Q 2007   |
| Pipelines                             | Two, 24 inch pipelines, running 22 km to shore. To be installed in 4Q-2006  |

## Onshore LNG Facilities

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| EPC contractor | Consortium KJP (Kellogg Brown &Root, JGC and PT Pertamina) |
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| Processing equipment | Two train 3.8 mmtpa capacity each to liquefy gas into LNG          |
| LNG storage tanks    | Two insulated tanks capable of storing 170,000 m <sup>3</sup> each |
| Export               | LNG export jetty designed for 140,000 ton LNG carriers             |

**Notes to Editors:**

**More information about the Company is available at <http://www.cnoocld.com>.**

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This press release includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding expected future events, business prospectus or financial results. The words “believe,” “intend,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “project,” “estimate,” “plan,” “predict” and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on assumptions and analyses made by us that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will meet our expectations and predictions depend on a number of risks and uncertainties which could cause our actual results, performance and financial condition to differ materially from our expectations. For a description of these and other risks and uncertainties, please see the documents we file from time to time with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, including our 2006 Annual Report on Form 20-F filed on June 29, 2007.

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