

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
September 21, 2012

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 September 2012

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 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/ Hua Zhong  
Name: Hua Zhong  
Title: Joint Company Secretary

Dated: September 21, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Announcement dated September 21, 2012, entitled “Announcement on Progress relating to the Proposed Acquisition of Nexen”.

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Exhibit 99.1

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(Stock Code: 00883)

ANNOUNCEMENT ON PROGRESS RELATING TO  
THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF NEXEN

Reference is made to the Company's announcement dated 23 July 2012 (the "Announcement") in relation to the Proposed Acquisition by the Company (through its wholly-owned subsidiary, the Purchaser) of the Nexen Shares pursuant to a Plan of Arrangement under the CBCA. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement unless the context requires otherwise.

The Board is pleased to announce that, on 20 September 2012 (Canada local time), the Court has granted the Final Order which approved the Plan of Arrangement pursuant to CBCA. The Final Order was granted following a meeting of Nexen shareholders on the same day at which the Plan of Arrangement was approved by approximately 99% of the votes cast by the holders of the Common Shares. As approximately 87% of the votes cast by the holders of Preferred Shares also approved the Plan of Arrangement, the Plan of Arrangement will also include the Preferred Shares.

Further announcement on the progress of the Proposed Acquisition will be made as appropriate.

Shareholders and potential investors should note that the Proposed Acquisition is subject to various conditions which may or may not be fulfilled. There is therefore no assurance that the Proposed Acquisition will proceed and, if it proceeds, on what terms it may proceed. Shareholders and potential investors are reminded to exercise caution when dealing in the Shares of the Company.

By Order of the Board  
CNOOC Limited  
Zhong Hua  
Joint Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 21 September 2012

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As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises the following:

Executive Directors

Li Fanrong  
Wu Guangqi

Independent Non-executive Directors

Chiu Sung Hong  
Lawrence J. Lau  
Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius  
Wang Tao

Non-executive Directors

Wang Yilin (Chairman)  
Yang Hua (Vice Chairman)  
Zhou Shouwei  
Wu Zhenfang