

CNOOC LTD  
Form 6-K  
April 22, 2011

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 2011

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)

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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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

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| By:    | /s/ Jiang Yongzhi       |
| Name:  | Jiang Yongzhi           |
| Title: | Joint Company Secretary |

Dated: April 22, 2011

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit<br>No. | Description                                                                                                                 |
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| 99.1           | Press release dated April 22, 2011, entitled "Malfunction Occurred on the Single Point Mooring System of Haiyangshiyu 102". |

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Exhibit 99.1

CNOOC LIMITED

For Immediate Release

### Malfunction Occurred on the Single Point Mooring System of Haiyangshiyou 102

(Hong Kong, April 22, 2011) - CNOOC Limited (the "Company", NYSE: CEO, SEHK: 0883) announced today that, a malfunction occurred on the single point mooring system of the Floating, Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessel "Haiyangshiyou 102" serving in the Bohai Bay due to rough sea conditions. Operations were immediately shut down at the affected oilfields.

Till now, the "Haiyangshiyou 102" FPSO has been safely secured and tugged to safe area. There were no injuries during the process and no oil spill was found. The Company is actively working on the recovery plan to resume production as early as possible.

The oilfields affected this time include Bozhong ("BZ") 28-2 S, BZ 28-2 SN, BZ 34-1N and BZ 29-4. All of these four fields are owned and operated by the Company. The total production capacity was approximately 39,000 barrels per day.

The Company maintains appropriate insurance coverage of the operations related to the oilfields.

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Notes to Editors:

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

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other risks and uncertainties, please see the documents we file from time to time with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, including our 2009 Annual Report on Form 20-F filed on April 23, 2010.

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