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	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 November 1, 2002
	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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reports under	cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F)
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Company Press Release

The Parent of CNOOC Limited Starts Joint Venture with Shell

(Hong Kong, November 1, 2002) - CNOOC Limited (the "Company", SEHK: 883; NYSE: CEO) announced today that its parent company has commenced the building of a world-class petrochemical plant with Royal Dutch/Shell in China.

"The four billion USD plus petrochemical plant joint venture that CNOOC, our parent company, is building with Royal Dutch/Shell is a world-class endeavor," commented Mr. Mark Qiu, CFO of the Company. "CNOOC Limited, however intends to remain in the E&P business."

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, 2001, its net proved reserves were 1.8 billion barrels-of-oil equivalents and its net production totaled 261,379 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 slightly over 1,000 employees. The Company has become the largest offshore producer in Indonesia after the acquisition of Indonesian assets.

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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, 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

Name: Cao Yunshi

Title: Company Secretary,
General Counsel and
Senior Vice President

Dated: November 1, 2002