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Company Announcement

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CNOOC Limited
[COMPANY NAME IN CHINESE CHARACTERS]
(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)
(Stock Code: 883)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Circular, at pages 32 to 33, contains a letter of recommendation from the Independent Board Committee. The letter names all independent non-executive Directors as members of the Independent Board Committee. Mr Kenneth S. Curtis, an independent non-executive Director, participated in the Independent Board Committee process, but due to a conflicting travel schedule he was prevented from attending the last Independent Board Committee meeting prior to the dispatch of the Circular. The Company therefore clarifies that the letter of recommendation from the Independent Board Committee referred to above was unanimously approved by all independent non-executive Directors save for Mr Kenneth S. Curtis, who was absent from the last Independent Board Committee meeting.

The Company refers to the circular dated 10 December 2005 (the "Circular") pursuant to which the Second EGM to be held on 31 December 2005 has been convened for the purpose of considering approval of the Supplemental Agreement in relation to certain amendments to the Existing Non-Compete Undertaking, the Revised Cap for the "technical services" category of continuing connected transaction, the Non-Exempt Continuing Connected Transactions (including the Proposed Caps) and adoption of the New Share Option Scheme. Unless otherwise specified in this announcement, terms used herein shall have the same meanings as defined in the Circular.

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

Executive Directors
Fu Chengyu (Chairman)
Luo Han
Zhou Shouwei
Cao Xinghe
Wu Zhenfang
Wu Guangqi
Yang Hua

Independent non-executive Directors
Sung Hong Chiu
Kenneth S. Curtis
Evert Henkes
Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius
Lawrence J. Lau

By Order of the Board

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CNOOC Limited
Cao Yunshi
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 28 December 2005

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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 on Form 6-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CNOOC Limited

By: /s/ Cao Yunshi

Name: Cao Yunshi
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: December 29, 2005

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