CNOOC LTD Form 6-K March 22, 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 March 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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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: Name: Title:

/s/ Zhong Hua Zhong Hua Joint Company Secretary

Dated: March 22, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Announcement dated March 22, 2012, entitled "Change of Joint Company Secretary".

Exhibit 99.1

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ANNOUNCEMENT CHANGE OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

The Company announces that with effect from 22 March 2012:

- (1) Mr. Jiang Yongzhi has resigned as the joint company secretary of the Company; and
- (2) Mr. Zhong Hua has been appointed as the joint company secretary of the Company.

Resignation of joint company secretary

CNOOC Limited (the "Company") announces that Mr. Jiang Yongzhi ("Mr. Jiang") has tendered his resignation as the joint company secretary of the Company with effect from 22 March 2012 to pursue other career opportunities. Mr. Jiang confirmed that there is no disagreement with the Board and there are no other matters relating to his resignation that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

Taking this opportunity, the Board would like to express its appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Jiang for his contribution and services to the Company in the past.

Appointment of new joint company secretary

The Board is pleased to announce that, after approval by the Board, Mr. Zhong Hua ("Mr. Zhong"), the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, has been appointed as the joint company secretary of the Company with effect from 22 March 2012. Mr. Zhong will be assisted by Ms. Tsue Sik Yu, May, the other joint company secretary of the Company, to perform his duties as joint company secretary of the Company.

The Board warmly welcomes Mr. Zhong to his new position.

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

Hong Kong, 22 March 2012

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