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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 January 2017

Commission File Number 1-14966

CNOOC Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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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: /s/ Jiewen Li
Name: Jiewen Li
Title: Joint Company Secretary
Dated: January 19, 2017

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Exhibit 99.1

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(Stock Code: 00883)

2017 Business Strategy

In line with its policy of keeping the market informed of its activities, the Company announces a summary of its business strategy and development plan for the year 2017.

This announcement includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding expected future events, business prospectus or financial results. The words “expect”, “anticipate”, “continue”, “estimate”, “objective”, “ongoing”, “may”, “will”, “project”, “s”, “believe”, “plans”, “intends” and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on assumptions and analyses made by the Company that it believes are appropriate under the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will meet the expectations and predictions of the Company depend on a number of risks and uncertainties which could cause the actual results, performance and financial condition to differ materially from the Company’s expectations. For a description of these risks and uncertainties, please see the documents the Company files from time to time with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Annual Report on Form 20-F filed in April of the latest fiscal year.

In line with its policy of keeping the market informed of its activities, CNOOC Limited (the “Company”) announces a summary of its business strategy and development plan for the year 2017.

The Company’s targeted net production for 2017 is 450 million to 460 million barrels of oil equivalent (BOE)*, of which, production from China and overseas accounts for approximately 65% and 35%, respectively. The Company’s net production for 2016 is expected to be approximately 476 million BOE. The Company’s net production for 2018 and 2019 are estimated to be 455 million to 465 million BOE and 460 million to 470 million BOE, respectively.

In 2017, five new projects are expected to come on stream, among which, Penglai 19-9 oil field comprehensive adjustment and Engping 23-1 oil fields in offshore China already came on stream. The other three projects are Weizhou 12-2 oil field Phase II in offshore China, BD gas field in Indonesia and Hangingstone project in Canada. Currently, nearly 20 projects are under construction.

In 2017, the Company plans to drill 126 exploration wells and acquire approximately 13 thousand square kilometers 3-Dimensional (3D) seismic data.

The Company's total capital expenditure for 2017 is budgeted at RMB60.0 billion to RMB70.0 billion. The capital expenditures for exploration, development and production account for approximately 18%, 66% and 15%, respectively. The Company will maintain prudent financial policy, improve capital efficiency and ensure sustainable development.

** Including our interest in equity-accounted investees.*

By Order of the Board
CNOOC Limited
Li Jiewen
Joint Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 19 January 2017

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

Executive Directors Independent Non-executive Directors

Yang Hua (*Chairman*) Chiu Sung Hong

Yuan Guangyu Lawrence J. Lau

Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius

Kevin G. Lynch

Non-executive Directors

Liu Jian (*Vice Chairman*)

Wu Guangqi

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Exhibit 99.2

CNOOC LIMITED

For Immediate Release

CNOOC Limited Announces its

2017 Business Strategy and Development Plan

(Hong Kong, January 19, 2017) - CNOOC Limited (the “Company”, SEHK: 00883, NYSE: CEO, TSX: CNU) today announced its business strategy and development plan for the year 2017.

The Company’s net production target for 2017 is in the range of 450 to 460 million barrels of oil equivalent (BOE), of which approximately 64% and 36% are produced in China and overseas, respectively. The net production targets set for 2018 and 2019 are 455 million to 465 million BOE and 460 million to 470 million BOE, respectively. The net production for 2016 is expected to be approximately 476 million BOE.

There will be 5 new projects coming on stream during the year, of which the Penglai 19-9 oilfield comprehensive adjustment project and the Enping 23-1 oilfields in China have commenced production. The other three projects, namely phase two of the Weizhou 12-2 oilfield project in China, the BD gas field in Indonesia and the Hangingstone project in Canada will commence production as scheduled in the year. Currently, nearly 20 projects are under construction.

In 2017, the Company plans to drill 126 exploration wells and acquire approximately 13 thousand square kilometers of 3-Dimensional (3D) seismic data.

The Company’s total capital expenditure for 2017 will be in the range of RMB60.0 to RMB70.0 billion. Of that amount, the capital expenditures for exploration, development and production will account for around 18%, 66% and 15% respectively. The Company will maintain prudent fiscal management

and enhance capital efficiency to facilitate sustainable development.

Mr. Yuan Guangyu, President of the Company, said: “We will maintain prudent financial policy and improve capital efficiency in response to the continued challenge posed by low oil prices. Also, we will optimize the Company’s asset portfolio and focus on return to make steady progress in all businesses.”

Mr. Yang Hua, Chairman and CEO of the Company, commented: “In 2017, we will balance both short-term and mid to long-term development, pursue quality growth, increase profitability-oriented production volume in order to bring better return for our investors.”

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Notes to Editors:

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

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