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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 the month of April 2018

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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Yes o No x

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EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release entitled "CNOOC Limited Filed 2017 Annual Report on Form 20-F"

EXHIBIT 99.1

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Press Release - For Immediate Release

CNOOC Limited Filed 2017 Annual Report on Form 20-F

(Hong Kong, April 19, 2018) - CNOOC Limited (the "Company", SEHK: 00883, NYSE: CEO, TSX: CNU) announced today it has filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") its 2017 annual report on Form 20-F ("annual report") that included audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017.

The annual report is available on the Company's website at <u>www.cnoocltd.com</u> as well as SEC s website at <u>www.sec.gov</u>.

CNOOC Limited will also provide a hard copy of its 2017 annual report on Form 20-F to shareholders free of charge, including its complete audited financial statements. To request a hard copy of the annual report, please contact:

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Notes to Editors:

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

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This press release 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", "should", "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 in light of its experience and its perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors the Company believes are appropriate under the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will meet the expectations and predictions of the Company depends 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, including but not limited to those associated with fluctuations in crude oil and natural gas prices, the exploration or development activities, the capital expenditure requirements, the business strategy, whether the transactions entered into by the Group can complete on schedule pursuant to their terms and timetable or at all, the highly competitive nature of the oil and natural gas industries, the foreign operations, environmental liabilities and compliance requirements, and economic and political conditions in the People's Republic of China. For a description of these and other 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.

Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this press release are qualified by these cautionary statements. The Company cannot assure that the results or developments anticipated will be realised or, even if substantially realised, that they will have the expected effect on the Company, its business or operations.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly cause 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

Date: April 19, 2018