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CNOOC LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

RESULTS OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING REGARDING SUBDIVISION OF SHARES

The board of directors (the Board) of CNOOC Limited (the Company) announces that its shareholders have approved the proposal that each of the existing issued and unissued shares of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company be subdivided into five shares of HK\$0.02 each (Subdivided Shares) in the capital of the Company (Share Subdivision) at the extraordinary general meeting held on 16 March 2004.

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 26 January 2004 (the Announcement) and the circular to the Company's shareholders dated 11 February 2004 (the Circular) containing information on the proposed Share Subdivision and the notice convening an extraordinary general meeting of the Company on 16 March 2004 to consider the resolution to approve the Proposed Share Subdivision. Unless otherwise defined, terms used in this announcement shall have the same meaning as in the Circular.

Shareholders' Approval

The Board is pleased to announce that at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 16 March 2004, the shareholders of the Company approved by ordinary resolution that every one issued and unissued share of HK\$0.10 each in the capital of the Company as at 16 March 2004 be subdivided into five shares of HK\$0.02 each in the capital of the Company effective as of 17 March 2004 and that the board of directors of the Company is authorized to do all things and execute all documents in connection with or incidental to such subdivision. Voting on the resolution was undertaken by way of poll, with 6,723,597,233 shares (representing 99.9888% of the 6,724,349,559 shares present and voting at the meeting) voted in favor and 752,326 shares (representing 0.0112% of the 6,724,349,559 shares present and voting at the meeting) voted against.

Trading Arrangements for Subdivided Shares

Effective from 17 March 2004 to 30 March 2004 (both days inclusive), a temporary counter under stock code 2998 will be established for trading in board lots of 2,500 Subdivided Shares each to replace the previous counter (stock code: 883). The timetable has been set out in the Circular and remains unchanged.

Correction of typographical errors in the Announcement and the Circular

The Company would also like to draw Shareholders' attention to a minor typographical error in the Announcement and the Circular. The Announcement under the heading "Share Subdivision" and page 3 of the Circular under the heading "2. Proposal for Subdivision of Shares" stated that "the authorised share capital of the Company is HK\$15,000,000,000.00 which is divided into 150,000,000,000 Shares, of which 8,214,165,655

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Shares are in issue. Immediately upon completion of the Share Subdivision, the authorised share capital of the Company will be HK\$15,000,000,000.00 comprising 750,000,000,000 Subdivided Shares, of which 41,070,828,275 Subdivided Shares will be in issue and fully paid". This should in fact read, "the authorised share capital of the Company is HK\$1,500,000,000.00 which is divided into 15,000,000,000 Shares, of which 8,214,165,655 Shares are in issue. Immediately upon completion of the Share Subdivision, the authorised share capital of the Company will be HK\$1,500,000,000.00 comprising 75,000,000,000 Subdivided Shares, of which 41,070,828,275 Subdivided Shares will be in issue and fully paid".

By order of the Board
CNOOC Limited
Cao Yunshi
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 16 March 2004

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Notes to Editors:

CNOOC LIMITED - BACKGROUND

Incorporated in Hong Kong in August 1999, CNOOC Limited (SEHK: 883; NYSE: CEO) is the dominant producer of crude oil and natural gas offshore China. CNOOC Limited is also one of the largest independent crude oil and gas exploration and production companies in the world.

As of December 31, 2003, its net proved reserves were 2.1 billion barrels-of-oil equivalents and its net production averaged 356,729 BOE per day.

CNOOC Limited is currently engaged in exploration, development and production in 4 major areas offshore China, which covers Bohai Bay, Western South China Sea, Eastern South China Sea and East China Sea. The Company is also one of the largest offshore crude producer in Indonesia.

The Company has about 2,447 employees.

CNOOC LIMITED - RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS PARENT COMPANY

CNOOC Limited, incorporated in Hong Kong, is a 70.6% held subsidiary of China National Offshore Oil Corporation ("CNOOC"). CNOOC Limited is the sole vehicle through which CNOOC carries out oil and gas exploration, development, production and selling activities offshore China and internationally.

CNOOC, the parent company, is involved in the administrative, research, and services functions for the China offshore petroleum industry as well as other mid- or downstream petroleum projects.

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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 in PRC 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

Dated: March 19, 2004