



**CNOOC Limited**  
**( 中國海洋石油有限公司 )**

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)*

**(Stock Code: 883)**

**Change of Company Secretary**

The Company hereby announces that Mr. Cao Yunshi ceased to be the company secretary of the Company due to retirement with effect from 18 April 2006. The Company is pleased to announce that Mr. Victor Zhikai Gao has been appointed as the company secretary of the Company in place of Mr. Cao Yunshi with effect from 18 April 2006.

CNOOC Limited (the “Company”) hereby announces that Mr. Cao Yunshi will cease to be the company secretary of the Company due to retirement with effect from 18 April 2006. Mr. Cao Yunshi has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the board of directors of the Company and there is no matter relating to his resignation that needs to be brought to the attention of the Company’s shareholders.

The Board would like to thank Mr. Cao Yunshi for his contribution to the Company during his terms of office.

The Company is pleased to announce that Mr. Victor Zhikai Gao has been appointed as the company secretary of the Company with effect from 18 April 2006 following Mr. Cao Yunshi’s retirement. Mr. Victor Zhikai Gao had also been appointed as a senior vice president and general counsel of the Company with effect from the same date.

The Board warmly welcomes Mr. Victor Zhikai Gao to his new positions.

By Order of the Board  
**Victor Zhikai Gao**  
*Company Secretary*

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

*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. Courtis

Evert Henkes

Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius

Lawrence J. Lau

Hong Kong, 18 April 2006

Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in South China Morning Post.