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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)

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