



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)

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of CNOOC Limited (the "Company") will be held on 24 May 2006, at 2:30 p.m. at Island Shangri-la, Hong Kong, Two Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Hong Kong, for the following purposes:

- A. As ordinary business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following ordinary resolutions:
1. To receive and consider the audited Statement of Accounts together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon for the year ended 31 December 2005.
 2. To declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2005.
 3. To re-elect retiring Directors, to elect Dr. Edgar W. K. Cheng as a new Independent Non-executive Director, and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix the remuneration of each of the Directors.

The Directors to be re-elected and elected are as follows:

Zhou Shouwei

Born in 1950, Mr. Zhou received a doctorate degree from the Southwest Petroleum Institute in China and is a senior engineer. He joined China National Offshore Oil Corporation ("CNOOC") in 1982. Mr. Zhou served as the Deputy General Manager of China Offshore Oil Bohai Corporation, a subsidiary of CNOOC and the General Manager of CNOOC China Limited Tianjin Branch. He was appointed as the Executive Vice President of the Company in September 1999 and the President of the Company in July 2002. Since 2000, Mr. Zhou has been the Vice President of CNOOC. Mr. Zhou serves as the Director and the President of CNOOC China Limited and the Director of CNOOC International Limited, both subsidiaries of the Company. He also serves as the Chairman of CNOOC Southeast Asia Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company since April 2003. Mr. Zhou became the chairman of CNOOC Engineering Company Limited, a listed company in Shanghai Stock Exchange and a subsidiary of CNOOC, on 6 December 2003. Mr. Zhou was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company with effect from 23 August 1999.

Save as aforesaid, Mr. Zhou does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company.

Apart from holding 9,100,000 share options in the Company, Mr. Zhou has no other interest in the Company's securities within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Under the service contract between the Company and Mr. Zhou, Mr. Zhou's emoluments comprise an annual remuneration of HK\$2,600,000 (after Hong Kong tax), plus performance-based bonuses. The emoluments of Mr. Zhou were determined with reference to perception of industry standards and prevailing market conditions. The Remuneration Committee will review the level of directors' remuneration from time to time and make adjustments if necessary. Mr. Zhou is subject to the provisions of his service contract and the retirement provisions in the articles of association of the Company.

There is no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Evert Henkes

Born in 1943, Mr. Henkes served as the CEO of Shell global chemical business from 1998 to 2003. Since joining Shell in 1973, he held various executive positions worldwide, including Managing Director of Shell Chemicals UK Ltd., Managing Director of Shell UK, President of Billiton Metals, Shell's Metals Coordinator, Shell's Chemical Coordinator, and Director of Strategy & Business Services of Shell International Chemicals Ltd. He also served as directors in regional and global industrial bodies, including CEFIC and ICCA. He is also a director of Tate & Lyle Plc, SembCorp Industries Ltd. and Outokumpu Oy. Mr. Henkes was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company with effect from 16 September 2003.

Mr. Henkes does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company.

Apart from holding 1,150,000 share options in the Company, Mr. Henkes has no other interest in the Company's securities within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

There is no service contract between the Company and Mr. Henkes. Mr. Henkes' emoluments comprise an annual remuneration of HK\$500,000 (after Hong Kong tax). The Remuneration Committee will review the level of directors' remuneration from time to time and make recommendation to the Board for adjustments if necessary. The emoluments of Mr. Henkes were determined with reference to perception of industry standards and prevailing market conditions. Mr. Henkes is subject to the retirement provisions in the articles of association of the Company.

There is no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Cao Xinghe

Born in 1949, Mr. Cao graduated from Tianjin Politics and Law Management College majoring in Economic Laws and later studied for MBA in Capital University of Economics and Business. Mr. Cao has forty years of experience in the petroleum industry since he started work in 1965. He worked for Shengli oilfield and Dagang oilfield before he joined CNOOC in 1982. From 1985 to 1996, Mr. Cao worked as Manager of Bohai Oil Commercial Company and later as the Manager of Bohai Oil Transportation Company, both subsidiaries of CNOOC. From 1996 to 2003, he worked as Deputy General Manager and General Manager of CNOOC Bohai Corporation successively. From April 2003 to July 2004, Mr. Cao worked as Assistant President of CNOOC. He became Vice President of CNOOC in August 2004. Mr. Cao also serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of CNOOC Base Group Limited, a subsidiary of CNOOC. Mr. Cao was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company with effect from 31 August 2005.

Save as aforesaid, Mr. Cao does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company.

Apart from holding 800,000 share options in the Company, Mr. Cao has no other interest in the Company's securities within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Under the service contract between the Company and Mr. Cao, Mr. Cao's emoluments comprise an annual remuneration of HK\$800,000 (after Hong Kong tax), plus performance-based bonuses. The emoluments of Mr. Cao were determined with reference to perception of industry standards and prevailing market conditions. The Remuneration Committee will review the level of directors' remuneration from time to time and make adjustments if necessary. Mr. Cao is subject to the provisions of his service contract and the retirement provisions in the articles of association of the Company.

There is no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Wu Zhenfang

Born in 1952, Mr. Wu is a senior engineer and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Dalian University of Technology, majoring in Offshore Petroleum Engineering and Construction. He later studied for EMBA in Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Mr. Wu joined the petroleum industry in 1971. He joined CNOOC in 1982. From 1993 to 1997, he was Deputy General Manager of CNOOC Nanhai West Corporation. He became the President of CNOOC Chemical Limited in 2000. He was also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fudao Fertilizer Limited and CNOOC Chemical Limited from 2001 to 2003 and 2003 to 2005 respectively. From 2003 to 2004, Mr. Wu was Assistant President of CNOOC. In August 2004, he became Vice President of CNOOC. Mr. Wu also serves as the Chairman of a number of subsidiaries of CNOOC (including Guangdong Dapeng LNG Company Limited, CNOOC Fujian Natural Gas Limited, CNOOC Oil & Petrochemicals Co., Ltd. and CNOOC Zhejiang Ningbo LNG Co., Ltd.), the Chairman and President of CNOOC Gas and Power Limited and the Vice Chairman of Shanghai Petroleum and Natural Gas Company Limited. Mr. Wu was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company with effect from 31 August 2005.

Save as aforesaid, Mr. Wu does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company.

Apart from holding 800,000 share options in the Company, Mr. Wu has no other interest in the Company's securities within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Under the service contract between the Company and Mr. Wu, Mr. Wu's emoluments comprise an annual remuneration of HK\$800,000 (after Hong Kong tax), plus performance-based bonuses. The emoluments of Mr. Wu were determined with reference to perception of industry standards and prevailing market conditions. The Remuneration Committee will review the level of directors' remuneration from time to time and make adjustments if necessary. Mr. Wu is subject to the provisions of his service contract and the retirement provisions in the articles of association of the Company.

There is no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Yang Hua

Born in 1961, Mr. Yang is an engineer and graduated from Petroleum University with a B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering. He also received a MBA degree from the Sloan School of Management at MIT as a Sloan Fellow. Mr. Yang joined CNOOC in 1982 and has over 23 years' experience in petroleum exploration and production. Mr. Yang spent the first-eleven year of his career with CNOOC Research Center to serve as a number of positions including the Director of Field Development Department, the Manager for Reservoir Engineering Department, the Project Manager and Team Leaders. Mr. Yang spent his second-twelve year with international business, corporate finance and capital market in the Company and its subsidiaries. From 1993 to 1999, he served as the Deputy Chief Geologist, the Deputy Director and the Acting Director for Overseas Development Department of the Company and the Vice President of CNOOC International Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. In 1999, he became a Senior Vice President of the Company and then became an Executive Vice President in December 2005. From 2002 to 2003, Mr. Yang was the Director and President of CNOOC Southeast Asia Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. He was appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company with effect from 1 January 2005. He also serves as the Director of CNOOC International Limited. Mr. Yang was appointed as an Executive Director with effect from 31 August 2005.

Save as aforesaid, Mr. Yang does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company.

Apart from holding 6,210,000 share options in the Company, Mr. Yang has no other interest in the Company's securities within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Under the service contract between the Company and Mr. Yang, Mr. Yang's emoluments comprise an annual remuneration of HK\$2,100,000 (after Hong Kong tax), plus performance-based bonuses. The emoluments of Mr. Yang were determined with reference to perception of industry standards and prevailing market conditions. The Remuneration Committee will review the level of directors' remuneration from time to time and make adjustments if necessary. Mr. Yang is subject to the provisions of his service contract and the retirement provisions in the articles of association of the Company.

There is no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Lawrence J. Lau

Born in 1944, Professor Lau is an economist and graduated with a B.S. degree (with Great Distinction) in Physics and Economics from Stanford University in 1964, and received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1966 and 1969 respectively. Professor Lau joined the faculty of the Department of Economics at Stanford University in 1966, becoming Professor of Economics in 1976 and the first Kwoh-Ting Li Professor of Economic Development at Stanford University in 1992. From 1992 to 1996, he served as a Co-Director of the Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University, and from 1997 to 1999, as the Director of the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research. He was also awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Social Sciences by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 1999. Professor Lau has authored or edited five books and published more than one hundred and sixty articles and notes in professional journals. Professor Lau is an Honorary Professor of a large number of universities and institutions in mainland China such as the Institute of Systems Science at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Jilin University, Nanjing University, Renmin University of China, Shantou University, Southeast University and the School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University. In July 2004, Professor Lau assumed office as Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He currently provides useful public service to the local community in his capacity as member of the Executive Committee of the HKSAR Government's Commission on Strategic Development, the Advisory Committee of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, and the Steering Committee on Innovation and Technology. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park Corporation as an independent non-executive director, as well as the Far Eastone Corporation as an independent director and the Shin Kong Financial Holdings Corporation as an independent supervisor, both listed companies in Taiwan. Professor Lau was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company with effect from 31 August 2005.

Professor Lau does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company.

Professor Lau has no interest in the Company's securities within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

There is no service contract between the Company and Professor Lau. Professor Lau's emoluments comprise an annual remuneration of HK\$500,000 (after Hong Kong tax). The emoluments of Professor Lau were determined with reference to perception of industry standards and prevailing market conditions. The Remuneration Committee will review the level of directors' remuneration from time to time and make recommendation to the Board for adjustments if necessary. Professor Lau is subject to the retirement provisions in the articles of association of the Company.

There is no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

Edgar W. K. Cheng

Born in 1943, Dr. Cheng was a graduate from the University of Notre Dame and the Medical College of Wisconsin, USA. He was Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Cornell University Medical College and practiced medicine and conducted clinical research at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York. Dr. Cheng was a former Chairman of the University Grants Commission in Hong Kong, and a member of the Education Commission. Dr. Cheng has been in many other financial market positions such as Chairman of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, Vice-Chairman and non-executive director of the Hang Seng Bank Ltd., Vice President of the International Federation of Stock Exchange, Founding Chairman of the Hong Kong Securities Institute, Member of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Futures Exchange Ltd., and Member of the Conference Board's Global Advisory Council. He was appointed by the Chinese Government as a Hong Kong Affairs Advisor (1991 – 1997). He became a Member of the Preparatory Committee and also the Selection Committee for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the National People's Congress (1996-1997). Dr. Cheng served as the Head of the Central Policy Unit of the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region from 1999 – 2001. He is at present Chairman of the Council of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Chairman of the World-Wide Investment Co. Ltd. and a member of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research, non-executive director of the Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Ltd, independent director of Goldman Sachs Gao Hua Securities Co. Ltd, a member of The Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council, a member of the Commission on Strategic Development as well as the Vice-Chairman of the Council for Sustainable Development. He is also a member of the 10th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference National Committee.

Dr. Cheng does not have any relationship with any other Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company.

Dr. Cheng has no interest in the Company's securities within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

There is no service contract between the Company and Dr. Cheng. Dr. Cheng's emoluments are expected to comprise an annual remuneration of HK\$500,000 (after Hong Kong tax). The emoluments of Dr. Cheng will be determined with reference to perception of industry standards and prevailing market conditions. The Remuneration Committee will review the level of directors' remuneration from time to time and make recommendation to the Board for adjustments if necessary. Dr. Cheng is subject to the retirement provisions in the articles of association of the Company.

There is no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

4. To re-appoint Auditors and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration.

B. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

1. “THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares in the capital of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) or on any other exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose (“Recognised Stock Exchange”), subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”), or of any other Recognised Stock Exchange and the Articles of Association (the “Articles”) of the Company, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company which the Company is authorised to repurchase pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the date of the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the Articles of the Company to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”

2. “THAT:

- (a) subject to the following provisions of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, notes, warrants, debentures and securities convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, notes, warrants, debentures and securities convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;

(c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital of the Company allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued or dealt with (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to:

- (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined);
- (ii) an issue of shares pursuant to any specific authority granted by shareholders of the Company in general meeting, including upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants issued by the Company or any bonds, notes, debentures or securities convertible into shares of the Company;
- (iii) an issue of shares pursuant to the exercise of any option granted under any share option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted by the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries;
- (iv) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the Articles of the Company; or
- (v) any adjustment, after the date of grant or issue of any options, rights to subscribe or other securities referred to above, in the price at which shares in the Company shall be subscribed, and/or in the number of shares in the Company which shall be subscribed, on exercise of relevant rights under such options, warrants or other securities, such adjustment being made in accordance with, or as contemplated by, the terms of such options, rights to subscribe or other securities,

shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution; and

(d) for the purposes of this resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the date of passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the Articles of the Company to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors made to holders of shares whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in or in any territory outside Hong Kong).

3. “THAT subject to the passing of the resolutions numbered B1 and B2 as set out in the notice convening this meeting, the general mandate granted to the Directors to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of the Company pursuant to resolution numbered B2 set out in this notice be and is hereby extended by the addition to it of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the shares in the capital of the Company which are repurchased by the Company pursuant to and since the granting to the Company of the general mandate to repurchase shares in accordance with resolution numbered B1 set out in this notice, provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution.”

By Order of the Board
CNOOC Limited
Cao Yunshi
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 12 April 2006

Registered office:
65th Floor,
Bank of China Tower,
1 Garden Road,
Hong Kong.

Notes:

1. Every member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting (or at any adjournment thereof) is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.
2. In order to be valid, the form of proxy duly completed and signed in accordance with the instructions printed thereon, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a copy of such authority notarially certified, must be completed and returned to the Company's registered office at 65th Floor, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be).
3. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a shareholder from attending and voting at the meeting or any adjournment thereof if the shareholder so desires and, in such event, the relevant form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
4. Where there are joint registered holders of any share of the Company, any one of such persons may vote at the meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto; but if more than one of such joint registered holders be present at the meeting personally or by proxy, then the registered holder so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company in respect of such share will alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
5. With respect to resolution numbered B1, approval is being sought from shareholders for a general mandate to repurchase shares to be given to the Directors. The Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to repurchase any existing shares. The Explanatory Statement containing the information necessary to enable the shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution to approve the repurchase by the Company of its own shares, as required by the Listing Rules, is set out in a separate letter from the Company.

6. With respect to resolution numbered B2, approval is being sought from shareholders for a general mandate to allot, issue and deal with shares to be given to the Directors. The Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to allot or issue any new shares of the Company. Approval is being sought from the shareholders as a general mandate for the purpose of Section 57B of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and the Listing Rules.
7. With respect to resolution numbered B3, approval is being sought from shareholders for an extension of the general mandate granted to the Directors to allot and issue shares by adding to it the number of shares purchased under the authority granted pursuant to resolution numbered B1.
8. For the sake of good corporate governance practice, the Chairman intends to demand voting by poll for all the resolutions set out in the notice of the annual general meeting.
9. The register of members of the Company will be closed from 17 May 2006 to 24 May 2006 (both days inclusive), during which no transfer of shares in the Company will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividends and voting at the meeting, members are reminded to ensure that all instrument of transfer of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) must be lodged with the Company's registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:00 p m on 16 May 2006.

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:

Chiu Sung Hong
Kenneth S. Courtis
Evert Henkes
Hau Yin Tse, Aloysius
Lawrence J. Lau

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