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CNOOC Limited (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group" or "we") - Incorporated in Hong Kong in August 1999, CNOOC Limited was listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (code: CEO) and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("HKSE") (code: o883) on 27 and 28 February 2001, respectively. The Company was admitted as a constituent stock of the Hang Seng Index in July 2001.

The Group mainly engages in offshore oil and natural gas exploration, development, production and sales. It is China's largest producer of offshore crude oil and natural gas and one of the largest independent oil and gas exploration and production companies in the world.

The Group has four major oil production areas offshore China and is the largest offshore oil producer in Indonesia. The four offshore China areas are: Bohai Bay, Western South China Sea, Eastern South China Sea and East China Sea.

As at 31 December 2003, the Group owned net proved reserves of approximately 2.1 billion barrels-of-oil equivalent and its annual daily average net production was 356,729 barrels-of-oil equivalent per day. The Group had slightly over 2,447 employees and total assets of approximately RMB73.5 billion.