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Company Announcement

Exceptional Price Movement

This statement is made at the request of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

We have noted the increase in the price of the shares of the Company today and wish to state that we are not aware of any reasons for such increase.

We also confirm that there are no negotiations or agreements relating to intended acquisitions or realisations which are discloseable under rule 13.23, neither is the Board aware of any matter discloseable under the general obligation imposed by rule 13.09, which is or may be of a price-sensitive nature.

As at the date of this statement, the Board of the Company comprises Messrs Fu Chengyu, Jiang Longsheng, Zhou Shouwei and Luo Han as executive directors, and Mr. Chiu Sung Hong, Dr. Kenneth S. Curtis, Dr. Erwin Schurtenberger and Mr. Evert Henkes as independent non-executive directors.

Made by the order of CNOOC Limited, the Board of the directors of which (other than Dr. Erwin Schurtenberger and Mr. Evert Henkes, who are in Europe and whom the Company has been unable to contact) individually and jointly accept responsibility for the accuracy of this statement.

For and on behalf of
CNOOC Limited

Cao Yunshi
Company Secretary

4 May 2004

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

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Dated: May 5, 2004