

Mechel OAO
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

December 04, 2008

Commission File Number: 333-119497

MECHEL OAO

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Krasnoarmeyskaya 1,

Moscow 125993

Russian Federation

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Yes No

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

MECHEL OBTAINS CREDIT LINES FROM VTB BANK

Moscow, Russia December 04, 2008 Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, announces that VTB Bank has provided the Company with credit lines in the amount of 15 billion rubles (approximately US\$560 million).

VTB Bank has opened one-year credit lines totaling 15 billion rubles for Yakutugol OJSHC, Southern Kuzbass Coal Company OAO and CMK OAO, subsidiaries of Mechel. The credit facilities are used to fund the operations of these subsidiaries.

The establishment of the credit line is a continuation of the relationship between Mechel and VTB Bank, which supported Mechel's acquisition of Yakutugol OJSHC and Elgaugol OAO stocks at auction in the autumn of 2007. That transaction was financed with Mechel's own capital and capital provided mainly by VTB Bank.

The strong relationship between Mechel and VTB Bank is also substantiated by the Agreement on Long-term Mutually Beneficial Cooperation entered into by the companies in April 2008, with a view of implementing Mechel's projects and development plans, as previously announced.

As part of the Agreement, VTB Bank will be engaged as one of the leading institutions in financing Mechel's current investment activities and in servicing the Company's financial operations. VTB Bank is also expected to act as a consultant to Mechel on projects related to the further development of Mechel's international and domestic accounts and the implementation of modern financial resource management technologies designed to enhance Mechel's performance.

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Mechel is one of the leading Russian companies. Its business includes four segments: mining, steel, ferroalloy and power. Mechel unites producers of coal, iron ore concentrate, steel, rolled products, ferroalloys, hardware, heat and electric power. Mechel products are marketed domestically and internationally.

Some of the information in this press release may contain projections or other forward-looking statements regarding future events or the future financial performance of Mechel, as defined in the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We wish to caution you that these statements are only predictions and that actual events or results may differ materially. We do not intend to update these statements. We refer you to the documents Mechel files from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Form 20-F. These documents contain and identify important factors, including those contained in the section

captioned Risk Factors and Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements in our Form 20-F, that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contained in our projections or forward-looking statements, including, among others, the achievement of anticipated levels of profitability, growth, cost and synergy of our recent acquisitions, the impact of competitive pricing, the ability to obtain necessary regulatory approvals and licenses, the impact of developments in the Russian economic, political and legal environment, volatility in stock markets or in the price of our shares or ADRs, financial risk management and the impact of general business and global economic conditions.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MECHEL OAO

By: /s/ Igor Zyuzin

Name: Igor Zyuzin

Title: CEO

Date: December 04, 2008