

Mechel OAO
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

December 19, 2012

Commission File Number: 001-32328

Mechel OAO

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

Krasnoarmeyskaya 1,
Moscow 125993
Russian Federation

(Address of principal executive office)

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MECHEL ANNOUNCES MANAGEMENT CHANGES AT IZHSTAL OAO

Moscow, Russia – December 19, 2012 – Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, announces the appointment of a new Managing Director of Izhstal OAO (Izhstal), part of Mechel Group.

Anatoly Shchetinin, 55, who was appointed the new Managing Director of Izhstal OAO, replaces

Konstantin Kretov, who headed the plant since February 2011.

"Anatoly Shchetinin is always appointed to front-line, important work in Mechel's steel division.

He is a strong and experienced manager, well-versed in steelmaking technology. In the past few

years, Izhstal OAO has implemented a large-scale project to modernize its production facilities.

Today the plant needs to reach project capacity for the high-tech steelmaking and rolling

facilities that have been installed as part of that project, which will enable Izhstal to significantly

increase its competitive edge in the market for specialty steels and stainless rolls. We are sure

that Anatoly Shchetinin's experience and leadership skills will help the enterprise tackle this task

successfully," Mechel-Steel Management OOO's Chief Executive Officer Vladimir Tytsky

noted.

Prior to his appointment, since November 2011 Mr. Shchetinin was managing director at

Mechel's Eastern European Steel Division's Otelu Rosu plant. Before that, since July 2008 until

October 2011 he worked as project chief at Chelyabinsk Metallurgical Plant OAO. In 2006-

2008, he held several management posts at Evraz Holding OOO. In 2005-2006, he was chief

executive officer at Chelyabinsk Steel Profiled Sheet Plant OAO. In 2001-2005, Mr. Shchetinin

was chief executive officer at Southern Urals Nickel Plant OAO. In 1984-2001, he worked on

various posts at Chelyabinsk Metallurgical Plant OAO.

Mr. Shchetinin graduated from Chelyabinsk Polytechnic Institute with a specialty in smelting of

ferrous and non-ferrous metals and holds a doctorate in technical sciences. He has been awarded

the medal of Russia's Order for Merit to the Motherland state award II class and the Order for

Honor and Valor.

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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, nickel,

ferrochrome, ferrosilicon, steel, rolled products, 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.

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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

Date: December 19, 2012

By: Yevgeny V. Mikhel _____

Name: Yevgeny V. Mikhel

Title: CEO
