

Mechel OAO
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

November 8, 2006

Commission File Number: 333-119497

MECHEL OAO

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Krasnopresnenskaya Naberezhnaya 12
Moscow 123610
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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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Yes ☐ No ☒

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MECHEL RANKED SECOND IN STANDARD & POOR'S TRANSPARENCY SURVEY

Moscow, Russia November 8, 2006, Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL) today announced that the Company has been ranked second in Standard & Poor's «Transparency & Disclosure Survey of Russian Corporates 2006».

This independent survey carries significant weight not only in Russia, but also in the international finance community, where Standard & Poor's ratings are recognized for their unbiased opinion and comprehensive assessment system.

The survey assesses 70 major Russian companies, issuers of the most liquid shares constituting 90% of the Russia's stock market capitalization. In last year's survey, Mechel was ranked third.

According to S & P's evaluation system, the following aspects of a Company's disclosure are reviewed:

- property structure
- shareholders' rights
- financial information
- operational information
- Board of Directors and Management information

Mechel attained the highest ranking of all Russian companies in the operational and financial information category. Additionally, the Company was ranked among the top companies in the property structure and shareholders' rights components.

We are pleased that Mechel's efforts to adhere to the best principles of corporate governance and transparency have received this distinguished recognition from Standard & Poor's. Our ranking in the transparency survey further confirms that Mechel is recognized as one of the world's leading companies committed to the highest standards in governance and disclosure, Mechel's Chief Operating Officer Alexey Ivanushkin commented.

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*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:

Name:

Title:

/s/ Vladimir Iorich

Vladimir Iorich

CEO

Date: November 8, 2006
