

Mechel OAO
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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**

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Mechel OAO

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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Russian Federation

(Address of principal executive office)

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MECHEL ANNOUNCES KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT YAKUTUGOL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ELGA COAL COMPLEX

Neryungri, Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Russia - August 29, 2011 - Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, announces reaching full production capacity at the Nerungrinskaya processing plant of Yakutugol Holding Company OAO and gives an update on the construction of Elga Coal Complex.

In July, Yakutugol Holding Company OAO's Nerungrinskaya washing plant processed 783,000 tonnes of coking coal and produced 536,000 tonnes of concentrate and 197,000 tonnes of middlings. This is the highest monthly result the plant achieved in its 26-year history. These results were made possible by the well-coordinated work of the plant's team, as well as the plant reaching its full production capacity.

The Company achieved more success in construction of Elga Coal Complex, a subsidiary of Yakutugol Holding Company OAO. Sakha Republic's Agency for Use of Mineral Resources gave permission to launch the first stage of the open pit development at the Elga deposit. Separately, construction of the Ulak-Elga railway link was completed up to the 209 km point ahead of schedule. A coal reloading facility at this site will allow the company to ensure shipments of Elga coal by trucks until the railway is completed. This represents another critical milestone toward development of the coal deposit which is Mechel's largest project for producing coking coal.

As previously announced, annual production capacity at Elga Coal Complex will reach 27 million tonnes by 2021 according to the subsoil license's conditions. With that production volume, the saleable production at Elga is expected to be over 8 million tonnes of high-quality coking coal concentrate, some 5 million tonnes of steam coal concentrate which is produced from oxidized coal, and some 6 million tonnes of middlings, which are a by-product of the coking coal washing process and are used for the power industry's needs.

According to the IMC-reviewed mine plan, by 2030 and beyond, when deeper seams are mined at the Elga open pit, the same annual run-of-mine production volume is expected to yield over 11.5 million tonnes of coking coal concentrate. The larger amount of coking coal concentrate from the same run-of-mine production will be achieved due to the natural decrease in the share of oxidized coal which lies closer to the surface.

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Mechel is one of the leading Russian companies operating in four segments: mining, steel, ferroalloys and power. Mechel's operations produce coal, iron ore concentrate, crude steel, rolled steel, ferroalloys, value-added downstream metal products as well as electric and heat power. Mechel markets its products both 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

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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: August 29, 2011

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Title: CEO
