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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)

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Moscow 125167
Russian Federation

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

MECHEL ANNOUNCES COMMISSIONING OF NEW MINING MACHINERY

Moscow, Russia August 09, 2007, Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, announces that the Company has commissioned new modern backhoe excavators at its iron ore mining subsidiary, Korshunov Mining Plant OAO, and at deposits of its nickel mining subsidiary, Southern Urals Nickel Plant OAO. The new machines will increase Mechel's efficiency of iron and nickel ore mining while reducing production costs.

The Liebherr excavator, with a nine cubic meter bucket, is installed at the Korshunov open pit mine of Korshunov Mining Plant OAO to utilize its design for mining iron ore at lower levels in the open cast mining method. The Liebherr excavator is designed for excavating ore in confined spaces from the bottom of the pit, leading to higher efficiency and fewer losses of iron ore at greater depths in the mine. In addition, Mechel will use the new excavator to improve work conditions for mining machinery, such as dump trucks, drilling units and bulldozers, saving material resources in the process. The new machines will enable decommissioning of two aged excavators and should allow the Company to increase annual productivity by 30% in ore excavation.

The Komatsu brand excavator, with a four cubic meter bucket, is put into operation at the Sakharinsk mine of Southern Urals Nickel Plant. A similar machine will be commissioned at the Buruktal mine this autumn. The new machines are designed for efficient excavation of nickeliferous ores at lower levels in the mine. They are distinguished by enhanced maneuvering capabilities, and add to the machinery already available at the mines.

The total cost of the new excavators is approximately RUR167.0 million (approximately US\$6.5 million).

The new machines were commissioned in line with the technical re-equipment program of Mechel's mining subsidiaries. The renewal of the mining subsidiaries' equipment is part of Mechel's long-term capital expenditure program, aimed at increasing iron and nickel ore output and increasing coal output to 25 million tonnes in 2010. As previously announced, investments in developing the Company's mining segment will total approximately US\$1.2 billion in the period from 2007 to 2011.

Mechel significantly renewed the technical basis of its mining assets during the first half of 2007: from June to July, two other Liebherr excavators were commissioned at the Krasnogorsk and Sibirginsk open pit mines of Southern Kuzbass Coal Company. Mechel plans to commission two more excavators at the Olzherassk and Tomusinsk open pit mines of Southern Kuzbass OAO before the end of this year.

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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: /s/ Igor Zyuzin

Name: Igor Zyuzin

Title: CEO

Date: August 9, 2007
