

Mechel Steel Group OAO  
Form 6-K  
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## **FORM 6-K**

# **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**

March 16, 2005

Commission File Number: 333-119497

**MECHEL STEEL GROUP OAO**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Krasnopresnenskaya Naberezhnaya 12  
Moscow 123610  
Russian Federation**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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**SOUTHERN URALS NICKEL PLANT ELECTS ACTING GENERAL DIRECTOR**

**Orsk, Russia March 16, 2005** The Board of Directors of Southern Urals Nickel Plant OAO, a subsidiary of Mechel, has appointed Gennady Ovchinnikov as acting General Director.

**Biography:**

**April 2004 - March 2005** Leading Specialist, Technical Department of Mechel OAO.

**2001-2004** Head of Concentration and Agglomeration Department, Head of Mining Technology Section, Zapsib OAO (West-Siberian Integrated Metallurgical Works).

**1974-2001** Various operational and executive positions at the Sintering Plant of Kuznetsk Integrated Metallurgical Works OAO, including positions of the Chief Engineer, Plant Manager, Head of the Scientific and Technical Information Department, and Head of the Marketing Department.

**Gennady Ovchinnikov holds a master's degree in Mining Engineering and Technologies from the Magnitogorsk Institute of Mining and Metallurgy; and a Doctorate in Technical Sciences from the Moscow State Institute of Steel and Alloys.**

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Commission, including our Form F-1. 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 F-1, 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.

**MECHEL DEVELOPS ITS COOPERATION WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KARELIA**

**Moscow, Russia March 15, 2005 Mechel (NYSE: MTL) announces signing of a new cooperation agreement with the Republic of Karelia, where its Vyartsilya Metal Products Plant is located.**

Mechel's Chairman of the Board Igor Zyuzin met yesterday with the Governor of the Republic of Karelia, Sergey Katanandov. The new agreement will develop the existing partnership between Mechel and the Republic of Karelia and provide further growth of the economic potential of Vyartsilya Metal Products Plant, increasing its efficiency and the implementation of social programs.

Both parties expressed their mutual satisfaction with the results of cooperation achieved since 2002, when the previous cooperation agreement was signed. Both parties noted their interaction in restoration of Vyartsilya Metal Products Plant that experienced a fire last December. Production was completely resumed at the plant in mid-January, and pre-fire production volumes were reached this month.

Vyartsilya Metal Products Plant is one of Mechel's primary hardware producers. Along with Vyartsilya Metal Products Plant, hardware products are also manufactured at Beloretsk Metallurgical Plant, Izhstal, Mechel Campia Turzii, Mechel Targoviste, and Mechel Nemunas. Mechel's consolidated hardware output in 2004 totaled 592.7 thousand tons, an increase of 27.1% over 2003.

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**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 STEEL GROUP OAO

By: Vladimir Iorich

Name: Vladimir Iorich

Title: CEO

Date: March 16, 2005