

Mechel OAO
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FORM 6-K

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**

January 31, 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)

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**MECHEL ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF A SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT FOR
SALES AND PROCUREMENT**

Moscow, Russia January 31, 2006 Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL) announces the appointment of Andrey V. Parkhomchouk as Senior Vice-President for Sales and Procurement.

As Senior Vice-President for Sales and Procurement, Andrey Parkhomchouk will be responsible for the development of Mechel's domestic and international mining and steel sales.

We believe that we can significantly increase the effectiveness of our mining and steel sales, and we are looking to Andrey to accomplish this goal. His many years of experience in sales and his proven track record at Mechel makes us confident that he will succeed. Mechel's CEO, Vladimir Iorich, commented on the appointment.

I am looking forward to this challenge, and excited about the opportunities I see for improved sales margins and sourcing efficiencies created by the unification of these functions in a single department, remarked Andrey Parkhomchuk.

Biography:

June 2004 - January 2006: Director of Mechel's Department of Steel Products Sales and Procurement.

June 2003 - June 2004: Deputy Director for Sales in Mechel Trading House.

December 2001 - June 2003: Head of the Beloretsk branch of Mechel Trading House.

1995 - 2001: Andrey Parkhomchouk worked in sales in Mechel's companies, including positions in the marketing department of Chelyabinsk Metallurgical Plant from 1995 to 1997.

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Andrey Parkhomchouk graduated from the Chelyabinsk State Technical University with a degree in engineering. Mr. Parkhomchouk also holds an MBA from the Higher School of Business of the Moscow State University (MGU).

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Mechel is one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies. Mechel unites producers of coal, iron ore, nickel, steel, rolled products, and hardware. 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. 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: Vladimir Iorich
Name: Vladimir Iorich
Title: CEO

Date: January 31, 2006