

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS OJSC  
Form 6-K  
August 28, 2008

## **FORM 6-K**

# **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Issuer**  
**August 28, 2008**

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

**Commission file number: 333-12032**

## **Mobile TeleSystems OJSC**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Russian Federation**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**4, Marksistskaya Street  
Moscow 109147  
Russian Federation**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form 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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**Press Release**

**Standard and Poor's upgrades Mobile TeleSystems to BB; positive outlook**

**Moscow, Russian Federation** Mobile TeleSystems OJSC ( MTS - NYSE: MBT), the largest mobile phone operator in Russia and the CIS, announces that Standard & Poor's Ratings Services has upgraded the long-term corporate credit rating of MTS to BB from BB-. The outlook on the ratings remains positive.

In a press release circulated today, S&P cites as reason for the upgrade: the company's strong business characteristics, based on solid positions in the Russian and Ukrainian mobile markets. These characteristics include robust growth with steadily improving economies of scale; sound operating profitability; strong cash flows; and declining financial risk.

Please refer to [www.sandp.ru](http://www.sandp.ru) for additional information.

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Mobile TeleSystems OJSC ( MTS ) is the largest mobile phone operator in Russia and the CIS. Together with its subsidiaries, the Company services over 87.26 million subscribers. The regions of Russia, as well as Armenia, Belarus, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan, in which MTS and its associates and subsidiaries are licensed to provide GSM services, have a total population of more than 230 million. Since June 2000, MTS Level 3 ADRs have been listed on the New York Stock Exchange (ticker symbol MBT). Additional information about MTS can be found on MTS website at [www1.mtsgsm.com](http://www1.mtsgsm.com).

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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 MTS, as defined in the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify forward looking statements by terms such as expect, believe, anticipate, estimate, intend, will, could, may or might, and the negative of such terms or other similar expressions. 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 to reflect events and circumstances occurring after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. We refer you to the documents MTS files from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, specifically the Company's most recent Form 20-F. These documents contain and identify important factors, including those contained in the section captioned Risk Factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contained in our projections or forward-looking statements, including, among others, potential fluctuations in quarterly results, our competitive environment, dependence on new service development and tariff structures, rapid technological and market change, acquisition strategy, risks associated with telecommunications infrastructure, risks associated with operating in Russia and the CIS, volatility of stock price, financial risk management and future growth subject to risks.

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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.

**MOBILE TELESYSTEMS OJSC**

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| By: | /s/ Mikhail Shamolin |                  |
|     | Name:                | Mikhail Shamolin |
|     | Title:               | CEO              |

Date: **August 28, 2008**

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