

Mechel OAO
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**UNITED STATES
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**

April 27, 2012

Commission File Number: 001-32328

Mechel OAO

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

Krasnoarmeyskaya 1,
Moscow 125993
Russian Federation

(Address of principal executive office)

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MECHEL RECEIVES LENDERS' APPROVAL ON WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS TO CREDIT FACILITIES

Moscow, Russia - April 27, 2012 - Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, announces completion of talks with lenders resulting in waivers and amendments to certain major credit facilities.

On March 29, 2012, Mechel entered talks with over 25 leading international and Russian banks regarding some financial covenants the company expected to breach due to uncertain market conditions and a period of decline in market prices for its products.

These talks were successfully completed on April 26, 2012, as lenders confirmed their agreement to waivers on a number of credit facilities and including a significant structural change to financial covenants. These changes to the financial parameters will increase the company's financial and operational flexibility, even in the event that price volatility on key markets increases. "Gaining approval from more than 25 leading international and Russian banks within such a limited time frame is proof of their trust in Mechel as a quality and reliable borrower as well as their confidence in our company's strategic choices. The new levels of covenants will enable us to continue our operational and investment activity regardless of volatility on the global financial and commodity markets. At the same time, one of our main priorities is systematic deleveraging as a whole and reduction of short-term debt in particular," Mechel OAO's Chief Financial Officer Stanislav Ploschenko noted.

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Mechel is one of the leading Russian companies. Its business includes four segments: mining, steel, ferroalloy and power. Mechel unites producers of coal, iron ore concentrate, nickel, ferrochrome, ferrosilicon, steel, rolled products, hardware, heat and electric power. 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

Date: April 27, 2012

By: Yevgeny V. Mikhel _____

Name: Yevgeny V. Mikhel

Title: CEO
