

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**

December 21, 2011

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 REPORTS CHANGES IN MECHEL-ENERGO MANAGEMENT

Moscow, Russia – December 21, 2011 – Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, reports the appointment of Anatoly Chernakov as the acting Chief Executive Officer of Mechel-Energo OOO. Anatoly Chernakov has worked as deputy chief executive officer and chief engineer until his appointment as Mechel-Energo OOO's acting chief executive officer.

Anatoly Merzlyakov, Mechel-Energo OOO's previous chief executive officer, resigned due to what he cited as family circumstances.

"The year 2011 was quite eventful for Mechel-Energo OOO. Mechel's power division is developing, expanding its presence in the regions where we have been working and entering new markets. In 2011 Mechel-Energo got five new subsidiaries, and one of the company's branches became the sole heat supplier for the town of Beloretsk. The company conducted a sweeping repairs campaign and reserved enough fuel. I am sure that the company's staff will fulfill its chief goal – to provide uninterrupted production and supply of electricity and heat to its customers – at an appropriately high level," Mechel OAO's Chief Executive Officer Yevgeny Mikhel 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: December 21, 2011

By: Yevgeny V. Mikhel _____

Name: Yevgeny V. Mikhel

Title: CEO
