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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

October 17, 2007

Commission File Number: 333-119497

MECHEL OAO

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Krasnoarmeiskaya 1,

Moscow 125167

Russian Federation

(Address of principal executive offices)

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MECHEL ANNOUNCES FULFILLMENT OF FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO ACQUIRE THE SHARES OF YAKUTUGOL OJSHC, SHARES OF ELGAUGOL OAO, AND REAL ESTATE COMPLEX

Moscow, Russia October 17, 2007 Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, announces the fulfillment of its financial obligations related to the previously announced winning of the auction to acquire Yakutugol OJSHC comprising 75% of its charter capital less one share, shares of Elgaugol OAO comprising 68.86% of its charter capital, and the real estate complex.

As the result of the auction held on October 5, 2007, Mechel acquired 3,031,488 ordinary registered shares of Yakutugol OJSHC comprising 75% of its charter capital less one share, 586,000 ordinary registered shares of Elgaugol OAO comprising 68.86% of its charter capital, and the real estate complex for a total of RUR58.2 billion (approximately \$2.3 billion).

Pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement, the winner is to acquire the ownership of the shares of Yakutugol OJSHC, shares of Elgaugol OAO, and the real estate complex upon 100% payment of the tendered amount.

Mechel has completely performed its financial obligations regarding payment for the price of the stakes in Yakutugol OJSHC and Elgaugol OAO and the real estate complex. Upon completion of the transferring of the ownership and making a respective record in the securities register, Mechel will become the fully legitimate owner of the controlling stakes in the companies.

We are pleased to announce that Mechel fulfilled all its financial obligations under the transaction ahead of schedule. Mechel financed the transaction through a combination of its own cash and borrowed funds, most of which were provided by VTB Bank. The acquisition of Yakutugol OAO, which mines approximately 10.0 million tonnes annually, will enable Mechel to fulfill its strategic objective to mine about 30.0 million tonnes of coal next year. Once mining operations at the Elga project reach the planned capacity of approximately 30.0 million tonnes, Mechel will become one of the world largest coal companies with the annual output of over 60.0 million tonnes, Mechel's Chief Operating Officer Alexey Ivanushkin commented.

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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.

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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: /s/ Igor Zyuzin
Name: Igor Zyuzin
Title: CEO

Date: October 17, 2007