

Mechel OAO
Form 6-K
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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**

May 10, 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 REPORTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' DECISION

Moscow, Russia – May 10, 2012 – Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, announces its Board's dividend recommendation.

On May 10, 2012, Mechel's Board of Directors held a meeting confirming recommendations to the annual general shareholders' meeting regarding the payment of dividends:

- the Board recommended annual dividend of 8.06 rubles (approximately \$0.27 per ADR*) per one ordinary share;
- the Board recommended annual dividend of 31.28 rubles per one preferred share (approximately \$1.05 per one preferred share and \$0.52 per one preferred ADR*). According to the Board's decision dividend payment will be made in cash by wire transfer no later than 60 days after the day of the decision to make the dividend payment.

The Board recommended to Mechel OAO's general shareholders' meeting to divide part of the accumulated profit from past years in the following way:

- to allocate 3,355,142,204.70 rubles (approximately \$112,560,335.64*) for payment of dividends for listed ordinary shares;
- to allocate 4,340,316,301.20 rubles (approximately \$145,611,550.82*) for payment of dividends for listed preferred shares.

The list of persons entitled to take part in the general shareholders' meeting and the list of persons entitled to receive dividends for the 2011 fiscal year will be made based on the data in the Shareholders' Register as of May 22, 2012. The annual general shareholders' meeting will be held on June 29, 2012, at the address: 1 Krasnoarmeyskaya Ul., Moscow, Russian Federation.

* Based on the Russian Central Bank exchange rate of 29.8075 RUR/\$ as of May 6, 2012.

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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: May 10, 2012

By: Yevgeny V. Mikhel

Name: Yevgeny V. Mikhel

Title: CEO
