

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS PJSC
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer
September 20, 2016

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

Commission file number: 333-12032

Mobile TeleSystems PJSC

(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

Press-release

MTS Acquires a Regional Asset of SMARTS to Enhance Services in Republic of Mari El

September 20, 2016

Moscow, Russian Federation PJSC MTS (NYSE: MBT; MOEX: MTSS), the leading telecommunications operator in Russia, announces that its wholly owned subsidiary, Telecom Povolzhye LLC, has acquired 100% of shares of SMARTS-Yoshkar-Ola CJSC, a regional asset of SMARTS OJSC, a mobile operator active in the Republic of Mari El, for a price of RUB 41 mln including debt of RUB 27.7 mln.

The acquisition will enhance MTS's presence in the Republic of Mari El and provide additional spectrum of 14.8 MHz in the 1800 Mhz range to allow MTS to further develop LTE networks.

The deal has been concluded according to framework agreements regarding the resolution of legal disputes and mutual claims, which arose at the end of 2015 as a result of the acquisition of several companies by MTS from SMARTS Group. The price paid for the asset remains the same as was initially determined by a contract concluded between MTS and SMARTS Group in 2014.

MTS has received approvals of the Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS) and all of the necessary corporate approvals.

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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 advise you that these statements are only predictions and that actual events or results may differ materially. We do not undertake or 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, the severity and duration of current economic and financial conditions, including volatility in interest and exchange rates, commodity and equity prices and the value of financial assets; the impact of Russian, U.S. and other foreign government programs to restore liquidity and stimulate national and global economies, our ability to maintain our current credit rating and the impact on our funding costs and competitive position if we do not do so, strategic actions, including acquisitions and dispositions and our success in integrating acquired businesses, 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, governmental regulation of the telecommunications industries and other 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 PJSC

By:	<i>/s/ Andrei Dubovskov</i>	
	Name:	Andrei Dubovskov
	Title:	CEO

Date: **September 20, 2016**
