Mechel OAO
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

February 9, 2009

Commission File Number: 333-119497

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 ANNOUNCES OPENING OF CREDIT FACILITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF $1 BILLION BY GAZPROMBANK

Moscow, Russia - February 9, 2009 - Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, today announced that its subsidiaries have been provided with lines of credit totaling $1 billion from Gazprombank OAO. Gazprombank Open Joint-Stock Company has opened credit lines totaling $1 billion for Mechel's subsidiaries. Credit facilities provided will be used mainly for short-term debt repayment.

The credit facilities provided have a three-year term.

Mechel Company and Gazprombank have strong ties through a well-established partnership. In particular, in December 2008 they signed an agreement arranging financing for the contract of the universal rail and structural steel mill construction at Mechel's CMP OAO. Pursuant to that agreement, Gazprombank OAO participates in fund raising for implementation of the project, with the facilities amounting up to $255 million.

"The new long-term credit facilities allow Mechel the flexibility to manage our short-term liabilities and navigate the near-term economic challenges while continuing to execute on our long-term strategy of developing production assets," said Mechel's Chief Financial Officer, Stanislav Ploschenko.

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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, steel, rolled products, ferroalloys, hardware, heat and electric power. Mechel products are marketed domestically and internationally.

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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 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: February 9, 2009

By: Igor Zyuzin

Name: Igor Zyuzin
Title: CEO