

Mechel OAO  
Form 6-K  
December 21, 2010

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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 20, 2010

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 ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF NEW PRODUCTION LINE AT BELORETSK METALLURGICAL PLANT Beloretsk, Russia - December 20, 2010 - Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and steel companies, announces the launch of a new production line for steel electrode copper-coated wire on December 18 at its Beloretsk Metallurgical Plant (BMP) subsidiary.

The commissioning ceremony was attended by Plenipotentiary Presidential Representative in the Volga Federal District Grigory Rapota, President of the Republic of Bashkortostan Rustem Khamitov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bashkortostan Yuri Pustovgarov, Mechel OAO's Chairman of the Board of Directors Igor Zyuzin, BMP's Managing Director Viktor Kamelin and other guests. At the ceremony, held in the plant's workshop 6, Plenipotentiary Presidential Representative in the Volga Federal District Mr. Rapota and President of the Republic of Bashkortostan Mr. Khamitov congratulated the metallurgists with the event. Mr. Rapota noted that the plant not only did not yield its positions during the crisis, but strengthened them.

After Mr. Rapota, Mr. Khamitov and Mr. Zyuzin launched the new line by pressing a symbolic button, Mr. Kamelin described the line's new technology and advised the plant's guests of its production's qualities and applications. As the guests watched, the first meters of copper-coated wire were produced and packaged. The new production line can produce annually 7.9 thousand tonnes, including 4.2 thousand tonnes of 0.8- to 2.0-mm steel electrode copper-coated wire and 3.7 thousand tonnes of 3.0-mm bright wire.

"The steel electrode wire is in steady demand and is used in construction, energy, automobile, oil and gas industries. The Beloretsk Metallurgical Plant has proved itself as a reliable supplier of copper-coated wire. With this launch, the enterprise will boost its presence on the hardware market," Mechel OAO's Chairman of the Board of Directors Igor Zyuzin 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, steel, ferrochrome, ferrosilicon, rolled products, hardware, heat and electric power. Mechel products are marketed domestically and internationally.

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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.

Mechel OAO

Date: December 21, 2010

By: Yevgeny V. Mikhel \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Yevgeny V. Mikhel

Title: CEO

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