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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

May 22, 2007

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MECHEL OAO

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Russian Federation

(Address of principal executive offices)

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**MECHEL ANNOUNCES ITS ACQUISITION OF A CONTROLLING STAKE IN
KUZBASS POWER SALES COMPANY**

Moscow, Russia May 22, 2007, Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL) announces winning the auction to acquire shares of Kuzbass Power Sales Company OAO comprising 49% of the company's charter capital. Together with 1.2% of the shares owned by Mechel previously, its stake in Kuzbass Power Sales Company has increased to 50.2%.

The acquisition of Kuzbass Power Sales Company is in line with Mechel's strategy to expand in the power sector. Mechel's power business has been developed to obtain additional markets for steam coal and to produce higher value added products, such as electric and heat energy, and provide its mining and metal segments with its own energy resources. In line with this strategy, Mechel previously acquired Southern Kuzbass Power Plant at an auction this March.

As a result of today's auction, Mechel's subsidiary, Mechel-Energo OOO, has acquired from RAO UES of Russia 297,020,200 of ordinary shares of Kuzbass Power Sales Company comprising 49% of its charter capital for approximately US\$ 44.0 million or RUR 1.14 billion.

Kuzbass Power Sales Company is the largest power distributing company in Siberia. Its planned distributed power volume for 2007 is 24.8 bln kWh. Based on Russian Accounting Standards (RAS) the revenues of the company were RUR 8.6 billion in the first half of 2006 (it started its operations as an independent entity from July 1, 2006) and amounted to RUR 6.1 billion in the first quarter this year.

The acquisition of Kuzbass Power Sales Company enables us to form a vertically integrated power company with its own power generating facilities (Southern Kuzbass Power Plant), raw material resources (Southern Kuzbass) and now a well established client base. Acquiring the Kuzbass Power Sales Company is a very compelling opportunity and we intend to develop it as part of our power strategy, Mechel's Chief Operating Officer Alexey Ivanushkin commented.

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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.

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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

By: /s/ Igor Zyuzin

Name: Igor Zyuzin

Title: CEO

Date: May 22, 2007

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