## 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

July 20, 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 CLOSING THE DEAL FOR REFINANCING OF ITS SHORT-TERM CREDIT FACILITIES

oscow, Russia - July 20, 2009 - Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, announces successful closing of the deal for refinancing its short-term credit facilities totaling 2.6 billion US dollars raised to purchase assets in Yakutia and Oriel Resources Ltd. As was announced earlier, negotiations with syndicates of banks that provided Mechel with credit facilities for acquisition of Yakutugol Holding Company OAO and Elgaugol OAO in October, 2007 and Oriel Resources Ltd. (Great Britain) in April, 2008, resulted in signing the agreement on refinancing of these facilities in the period of up to 3.5 year on July 10, 2009. On Friday, July 17, 2009 Mechel signed all its refinancing operations documentation. Currently the bridge loan which was taken for Oriel Resources acquisition is fully repaid. 27 banks were participants of the deal. Mechel's legal adviser on the deal was Gide Loyrette Nouel company. \* \* \* Mechel OAO Ilya Zhitomirsky Phone: + 7 495 221 88 88 ilya.zhitomirsky@mechel.com \* \* \* 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, rolled products, ferroalloys, 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: July 20, 2009

By: Igor Zyuzin

Name: Igor Zyuzin Title: CEO