

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS OJSC
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

October 9, 2007

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

Commission file number: 333-12032

Mobile TeleSystems OJSC

(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)

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Yes No

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Press Release

Moody's upgrades Mobile TeleSystems to Ba2; positive outlook

Moscow, Russian Federation Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS - NYSE: MBT), the largest mobile phone operator in Russia and the CIS, announces that Moody's Investors Service has upgraded the corporate family and existing bond ratings of MTS to Ba2 from Ba3. The outlook on the ratings is positive.

In a press release circulated today, Moody's remarks: [t]he upgrade reflects (i) the company's robust operational and financial performance in the second half of 2006 and six months of 2007; (ii) its demonstrated ability to sustain its market share in Russia, strong positions in Ukraine and a number of other CIS countries; (iii) free cash flow generation in the first half of 2007; (iv) significantly improved profitability metrics, (v) modest leverage below 1.0x Total Adjusted Debt to reported EBITDA on an annualized six months basis, (vi) a relatively conservative and consistent management strategy as regards acquisition activities; and (vii) a higher level of predictability in the company's financial policies over the past 12 months.

In addition, Moody's added, Given the positive outlook, a future upgrade remains a strong possibility.

Please refer to www.moody's.com for additional information.

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Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS) is the largest mobile phone operator in Russia and the CIS. Together with its subsidiaries, the Company services over 76.06 million subscribers. The regions of Russia, as well as Armenia, Belarus, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan, in which MTS and its associates and subsidiaries are licensed to provide GSM and UMTS services, have a total population of more than 230 million. Since June 2000, MTS Level 3 ADRs have been listed on the New York Stock Exchange (ticker symbol MBT). Additional information about MTS can be found on MTS website at www1.mtsgsm.com.

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 such terms or other similar expressions. 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 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, 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, risks associated with operating in Russia and the CIS, volatility of stock price, financial risk management and future growth subject to risks.

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 OJSC

By: /s/ Leonid Melamed
Name: Leonid Melamed
Title: CEO

Date: **October 9, 2007**