

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

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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

Press release

MTS Launches 4G Network in the Moscow Region

September 04, 2012

Moscow, Russian Federation Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS NYSE: MBT), the leading telecommunications operator in Russia and the CIS, announces the commercial launch of Russia's first TDD (time division duplexing) LTE network in Moscow and the Moscow region.

On September 01, 2012, MTS initiated 4G coverage over most of Moscow and 40 population centers in the Moscow region. The network enables speeds of up to 100 MB/s.

Multi-standard 4G modems, which also provide 2G- and 3G-access, are available at MTS stores throughout Moscow and the Moscow region. MTS-Connect packages are priced at introductory rates ranging from 2,000 2,970 rubles.

Demand continues to grow quickly for fast, reliable Internet access, and telecommunications networks are increasingly playing a part in the economic development of particular regions around the world. The launch of 4G networks in Moscow quickly elevates Moscow to a level equal to other world-class economic and cultural centers by providing ubiquitous access to the Internet over state-of-the-art networks. To further enhance connectivity and the development of the region's economy and lifestyle, MTS will by year-end make 4G services available in 96% of Moscow's territory and will double the number of population centers with 4G coverage in the surrounding Moscow region, - commented Konstantin Markov, Head of the MTS Macro Region Moscow.

MTS has built network in the Moscow region using Single Ran technology that enables roll-out of networks in different standards using the same infrastructure. MTS's 2G/3G/4G networks are built on the equipment from Nokia Siemens Networks. The foundation for the new TDD LTE network was built as part of a general network upgrade that began in early 2011.

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Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS) is the leading telecommunications group in Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, offering mobile and fixed voice, broadband, pay TV as well as content and entertainment services in one of the world's fastest growing regions. Including its subsidiaries, the Group services over 100 million mobile subscribers. The Group has been awarded GSM licenses in Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Armenia and Belarus, a region that boasts 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 the MTS Group can be found at www.mtsgsm.com.

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associated with telecommunications infrastructure, governmental regulation of the telecommunications industries and other risks associated with operating in Russia and the CIS, volatility of stock price, financial risk management and future growth subject to risks.

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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.

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS OJSC

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Date: **September 4, 2012**