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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

October 10, 2008

Commission File Number: 333-119497

MECHEL OAO

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Krasnoarmeyskaya 1,

Moscow 125993

Russian Federation

(Address of principal executive offices)

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**MECHEL HOLDS WORKING MEETING AT ITS YAKUTUGOL OAO
COAL MINING SUBSIDIARY**

Neryungri, Russia October 10, 2008 Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, announces that a working meeting was held at its Yakutugol OAO coal mining subsidiary on October 8, 2008. Participants in the meeting were the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) President, Vyacheslav Shtyrov, as well as representatives of Mechel's subsidiaries, Mechel Mining and Yakutugol OAO, and Transstroy Engineering Corporation. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters related to construction of the railway spur track to the Elga coal deposit.

At the meeting the Yakutia Branch Director of Transstroy Engineering Corporation, Mr. Alexander Dudnikov, made a detailed report on the progress of the access road and the railroad bed construction.

Mechel Mining OAO Chief Executive Officer Igor Khafizov also provided information on the progress of the Elga project, noting that all the tasks in constructing the access road to the Elga deposit set for 2008 were completed. Mechel, together with the general contractor, is currently considering the plans for 2009.

Commencement of trial coal mining on the deposit plot is planned for 2009 and large-scale engineering and exploration is ongoing at the future open pit mine. The design process also includes utilization of the Yakutian experts' scientific experience. In the presentation Igor Khafizov highlighted that environmental matters would be given priority in the deposit development.

Next year will be the most complex and important stage of the project. We are pleased that such a large-scale project as construction of the Elga complex has received the attention of the state. Our meeting with Mr. Shtyrov indicates that the President of Yakutia is interested in successful implementation of the project, which is important for the social and economic development of the region, said Igor Khafizov.

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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

By:	/s/ Igor Zyuzin
Name:	Igor Zyuzin
Title:	CEO

Date: October 10, 2008