

Mechel OAO
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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**

February 14, 2008

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MECHEL OAO

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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**MECHEL ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE EUROPEAN STANDARDS QUALITY SYSTEM AUDIT AT ITS
URALS STAMPINGS PLANT OAO**

Chebarkul, Russia February 14, 2008 Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, announces that specialists from the independent auditor group, LUZ, a scientific railway research institute located in Prague, completed its quality system audit of the Urals Stampings Plant OAO subsidiary for manufacturing railway axles to the European market.

The experts from LUZ carried out a full-scale audit of the plant, and they unanimously confirmed that the equipment for manufacturing railway axles is in compliance with its high standards. Additionally, the auditors confirmed all of the documentation with the TSI-H1 standard, that the production technological processes, such as forging, cooling and heating and thermal processing, as well as control and testing, storage, packing and shipping met their requirements and is now in compliance with the EN 13261 standard (The members of the EN standard are made up of countries from the European Union).

Since 1995, the Urals Stampings Plant OAO has produced railway axles, and these products have received several international certificates demonstrating their high quality. Furthermore, the plant's management system is in compliance with the ISO 9001:2000 international standard, which is a universal indicator of a manufacturer's market position.

The production of railway locomotives axles, which are partially exported to the North American market, has been certified by the Association of American Railroads and is in compliance with the M 101 standard.

The manufacturing of rolling stock rough axles has been approved by the Register of Certification on the Federal Railway Transport to meet the requirements of GOST 30272 and GOST 30552.

By meeting the requirements of strict European product quality control standards, Mechel's Urals Stampings Plant OAO has now entered into the European market. Immediately after signing the approval from the auditors, the plant received an inquiry from a Slovakian business.

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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: February 14, 2008