Mechel OAO Form 6-K June 23, 2006

### FORM 6-K

## 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

June 22, 2006

Commission File Number: 333-119497

### **MECHEL OAO**

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

Krasnopresnenskaya Naberezhnaya 12 Moscow 123610 Russian Federation

(Address of principal executive offices)

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# MECHEL ANNOUNCES PLACEMENT OF THE SECOND ISSUE OF BONDS WITH AN ANNUAL COUPON RATE OF 8.4%

Moscow, Russia June 21, 2006 Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL) announces the placement of the second bond issue at the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange (MICEX). The rate of the first coupon of the first issue is 8.4%. The issue was fully placed on the first day of placement.

The offering price of the bonds was fixed at 100% of the par value. The rate for the first coupon ranged from 7.95 to 8.65%. Five million bonds were placed, while the demand was RUR 5.44 billion.

The funds from the bond placement will be allocated to refinance the debt under previous bond issues of Mechel OAO and Mechel Trading House OOO.

The circulation period is seven years. The bond will have fourteen coupon payments. The first coupon rate is determined at a tender held by the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange (MICEX), the coupon rates from two to eight will be equal to the first coupon rate, while the remaining coupon rates will be determined by the issuer. The bond will have an offer for early redemption of bonds after four years from the placement. The 02 Series issue is registered by the Federal Committee for the Securities Market on May 25, 2006, registration # 4-02-55005-E.

Mechel Trading House OOO acts as the guarantor under the bond loan.

JS Bank Gazprombank (CJSC) is appointed to be the manager of the issue.

We are pleased with the results of the new bond placement, and are glad that the market continues to positively evaluate the performance of our company. Mechel s management appreciates the confidence that investors once again put in the company. This issue allows Mechel to improve its financial position and continue the implementation of the strategic investment program targeted at strengthening of the mining business and raising the efficiency of the steel segment, said Alexey Ivanushkin, Chief Operating Officer of Mechel OAO.

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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.

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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.

MECHEL OAO

By: /s/ Vladimir Iorich
Name: Vladimir Iorich

Title: CEO

Date: June 22, 2006

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