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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**

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Commission File Number: 333-119497

MECHEL OAO

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Russian Federation

(Address of principal executive offices)

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MECHEL ANNOUNCES EARLY FULFILLMENT OF POWER GENERATION PLAN BY ITS SOUTHERN KUZBASS POWER PLANT SUBSIDIARY

Kaltan, Russia November 29, 2007 Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), one of the leading Russian mining and metals companies, announces that its Southern Kuzbass Power Plant subsidiary ahead of schedule fulfilled the annual electric power generation plan approved by the Federal Tariff Service of Russia.

The annual electric power generation plan, which included the production of 1.6 billion kWh of electricity and was approved by the Federal Tariff Service of Russia, was fulfilled ahead of schedule in November 2007. Southern Kuzbass Power Plant is expected to generate an additional approximately 400 million kWh of electric power before the year end.

The increase of electric power generation by Southern Kuzbass Power Plant was due to a deficit of electric power in the Southern Kuzbass caused by specific environmental conditions. Beginning in June of this year, the water level in the rivers of Siberia, where hydroelectric power stations traditionally generate significant electric power volume, was below the average. Southern Kuzbass Power Plant uses steam coal as fuel, which is steadily supplied to it. Thus, power production at the plant is not as affected by environmental conditions.

Another distinguishing feature of Southern Kuzbass Power Plant is its technical capability to expeditiously increase its power generation in accordance with market conditions and growing demand. This enabled the power plant to increase its power generation and, consequently, profit. The competitive advantage of the power plant is its location close to the coal mining sites as well as the coal and ore mining companies in the Southern Kuzbass, which ensure its consistent load.

Southern Kuzbass Power Plant became Mechel's subsidiary in March 2007. The objective of acquiring Southern Kuzbass Power Plant was to increase Mechel's performance through the possibility of producing high value added product in the form of electric power using Mechel's own steam coal. The acquisition of the new power generating asset was also aimed at developing the power component of Mechel's business, which, in particular, includes reduction of production cost by generating Mechel's own electric power, growth of the Company's capitalization, and making additional profit from marketing the generating electric and heat energy.

Following the integration of Southern Kuzbass Power Plant into Mechel, implementation of its technical re-equipment and revamping program was started with the objective to increase its performance and reduce production costs.

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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: November 29, 2007