

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS OJSC
Form 6-K
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer
April 12, 2012

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

Commission file number: 333-12032

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Press release

Decisions of the MTS Board of Directors

April 12, 2012

Moscow, Russian Federation Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS or the Company NYSE: MBT), the leading telecommunications provider in Russia and the CIS, announces the decisions reached at the Company's Board of Directors (BoD or the Board) meeting held on April 12, 2012.

At the meeting, MTS Board of Directors set the date for the Company's annual general meeting of shareholders (the AGM) for Wednesday, June 27, 2012. The Board also recommended that the AGM approve annual dividends of RUB 14.71 per ordinary MTS share (approximately \$1.01 per ADR(1)) for the 2011 fiscal year, amounting to a total of RUB 30.4 billion (approximately \$1.04 billion or 72% of US GAAP net income). The record date for the Company's share- and ADR-holders entitled to participate in the AGM and to receive dividends for the year 2011 has been set for Thursday, May 10, 2012. The dividend will be paid out in the period of two months following the approval of the AGM in accordance with the Russian law.

Issues entered into the AGM agenda by the BoD include among others:

- Approval of MTS OJSC Annual Report; MTS OJSC Annual Financial Statements, including MTS OJSC Profit & Loss Statement; distribution of profits and losses of MTS OJSC based on FY 2011 results (including payment of dividends);
- Election of members of MTS OJSC Board of Directors;
- Election of members of MTS OJSC Auditing Commission;
- Approval of MTS OJSC auditor;
- Approval of MTS OJSC Charter as amended and restated;
- Approval of MTS OJSC Bylaw of the Board of Directors as amended and restated

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Learn more about MTS. Visit the official blog of the Investor Relations Department at www.mtsgsm.com/blog/

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, 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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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 MTS, as defined in the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify forward looking statements by terms such as expect, believe, anticipate, estimate, intend, will, could, may or might, and such terms or other similar expressions. We wish to caution you that these statements are only predictions and that actual events or results may differ materially. We do not undertake or intend to update these statements to reflect events and circumstances occurring after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. We refer you to the documents MTS files from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, specifically the

(1) According to the Russian Central Bank exchange rate of 29.2447 RUB/USD as of March 23, 2012, the date when MTS management submitted its recommendation to the Board of Directors. Ultimately, the dividend amount is set in Russian rubles by the Board of Directors; U.S. dollar amounts provided for reference purposes as the actual amounts in U.S. dollars may differ at actual record date and upon payout of dividend.

Company's most recent Form 20-F. These documents contain and identify important factors, including those contained in the section captioned "Risk Factors" that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contained in our projections or forward-looking statements, including, among others, the severity and duration of current economic and financial conditions, including volatility in interest and exchange rates, commodity and equity prices and the value of financial assets; the impact of Russian, U.S. and other foreign government programs to restore liquidity and stimulate national and global economies, our ability to maintain our current credit rating and the impact on our funding costs and competitive position if we do not do so, strategic actions, including acquisitions and dispositions and our success in integrating acquired businesses, including Comstar-UTS, potential fluctuations in quarterly results, our competitive environment, dependence on new service development and tariff structures, rapid technological and market change, acquisition strategy, risks 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.

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.

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| By: | <i>/s/ Andrei Dubovskov</i> | |
| | Name: | Andrei Dubovskov |
| | Title: | CEO |

Date: **April 12, 2012**