

Mechel OAO
Form 6-K
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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 15, 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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SOUTHERN KUZBASS COAL COMPANY APPOINTS NEW GENERAL DIRECTOR

Mezhdurechensk, Russia February 15, 2006. The Board of Directors of Southern Kuzbass Coal Company, a subsidiary of Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), has appointed Igor Khafizov to the position of General Director.

Igor Khafizov, 38 years old, replaces the former General Director of Southern Kuzbass Coal Company, Leonid Oparin, who was appointed to this position by the Board of Directors in October 2004.

Igor Khafizov is a highly qualified professional in mining. Over the years of his successful work in Mechel he proved himself as a talented manager and an efficient production runner. Under his management, the Korshunov Mining Plant has been demonstrating excellent production and operating performance over the last three years. I am confident that Mr. Khafizov's considerable experience and expertise will have a positive impact on the business of our core mining asset, Mechel's CEO, Vladimir Iorich, said.

Biography:

January 2006 – February 2006. Managing Director of the Department of Management of Korshunov Mining Plant, Mechel Management Company's Mining Department

2003 – 2006 General Director, Korshunov Mining Plant

1992 – 2003 Held various positions at Korshunov Mining Plant

Graduated from the Urals Mining Institute with a degree in mining engineering

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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:	Vladimir Iorich
Name:	Vladimir Iorich
Title:	CEO

Date: February 15, 2006
