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Via U.S. mail

Stanislav A. Ploschenko
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Krasnoarmeyskaya Street 1
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**Re: Mechel OAO
 Form 20-F for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
 File No. 1-32328**

Dear Mr. Ploschenko:

We have completed our review of your Form 20-F and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

You may contact Bret Johnson, Staff Accountant at (202) 551-3753 or Anne McConnell, Senior Staff Accountant at (202) 551-3709 if you have questions regarding our comments on the financial statements and related matters. You may contact George K. Schuler at (202) 551-3718 for any engineering-related comments. Please contact Chambre Malone, Staff Attorney at (202) 551-3262 or Dietrich King, Staff Attorney at (202) 551-3338 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

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