



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

January 30, 2013

Via E-mail

Evgeny V. Mikhel  
Chief Executive Officer  
Mechel OAO  
Krasnoarmeyskaya Street 1  
Moscow 125993  
Russian Federation

**Re:   Mechel OAO**  
**Form 20-F for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011**  
**Filed May 10, 2012**  
**File No. 1-32328**

Dear Mr. Mikhel:

We refer you to our comment letters dated November 27, 2012 and January 10, 2013, regarding business contacts with Iran and Syria. We have completed our review of this subject matter. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cecilia Blye

Cecilia Blye, Chief  
Office of Global Security Risk

cc:   Pamela Long  
Assistant Director  
Division of Corporation Finance