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## MECHEL REPORTS RESULTS FOR THE 2009 FIRST QUARTER <br> - Revenues amounted to $\$ 1.18$ billion - <br> _ Operating income amounted to $\$ 13.8$ million -

## Moscow, Russia - July 10, 2009 - Mechel OAO (NYSE: MTL), a leading Russian integrated mining and steel company, today announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2009.

Igor Zyuzin, Mechel’s Chief Executive Officer, commented on the first quarter results: "First quarter of 2009 was rather challenging for Mechel as well as for the whole mining and steel industry. Nevertheless despite the decline in demand and prices for all of company's products we succeeded in closing the quarter with positive net operating income. Important factor of company's sustainability in times of crisis in world economy is its vertically integrated structure. It allowed us to support capacity utilization and to demonstrate flexibility in sales in difficult market environment."

| US\$ thousand | $\mathbf{1 Q} 2009$ | 4Q 2008 | Change <br> Q-on-Q |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenues from external <br> customers | $1,179,405$ | $1,370,024$ | $-13.9 \%$ |$|$| Intersegment sales | 173,184 | 306,585 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Net operating income | 13,781 | $(251,264)$ |
| Net operating margin | $1.2 \%$ | $-18.3 \%$ |
| Net income $^{\text {EBITDA }}$ * | $(690,701)$ | $(496,931)$ |
| EBITDA margin | $(474,297)$ | $(817,323)$ |

*     - See Attachment A.

Net revenue in the first quarter of 2009 decreased by $13.9 \%$ to $\$ 1.2$ billion compared to $\$ 1.4$ billion in the fourth quarter of 2008. Operating income increased by $105.5 \%$ to $\$ 13.8$ million or $1.2 \%$ of net revenue, versus operating loss of $\$ 251.3$ million, or $-18.3 \%$ of net revenue, in the fourth quarter of 2008.

For the first quarter of 2009, Mechel reported consolidated net loss of $\$ 690.7$ million, an increase of $39.0 \%$ over consolidated net loss of $\$ 496.9$ million in the fourth quarter of 2008 . The main cause of the negative result is foreign exchange difference due to sagging of Ruble rate to Euro and US Dollar rates that amounted to $\$ 592$ million. Furthermore the results of the fourth quarter of 2008 enclosed positive tax effect of \$556 million caused mainly by reduction of profit tax in Russia and Kazakhstan since 2009. Therefore effective figures of the first quarter of 2009 demonstrate positive movement in terms of profit generation.

Consolidated EBITDA for the first three months of 2009 that includes foreign exchange difference result increased by $42.0 \%$ to $-\$ 474.3$ million, compared to $\$ 817.3$ million in the previous quarter. Depreciation, depletion and amortization in the first quarter of 2009 were $\$ 75.4$ million, a decrease of $32.5 \%$ over $\$ 111.6$ million in the fourth quarter of 2008.

## Mining Segment Results

| US\$ thousand | 1Q 2009 | 4Q 2008 | Change <br> Q-on-Q |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenues from external <br> customers | 344,236 | 504,268 | $-31.7 \%$ |
| Intersegment sales | 51,750 | 134,495 | $-61.5 \%$ |


| Operating income | 50,008 | 240,092 | $-79.2 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net income $^{\text {EBITDA }}$ | marin |  |  |
| EBITDA $^{* *}$ | $(65,796)$ | 178,533 | $-136.9 \%$ |

*     - See Attachment A.
** - EBITDA margin is calculated as a percentage of consolidated revenues of the segment, including intersegment sales.


## Mining Segment Output

| Product | 1Q 2009, thousand tonnes | 1Q2009 vs. 4Q 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Coal | 3,425 | $-40 \%$ |
| Coking coal | 1,022 | $-63 \%$ |
| Steam coal | 2,403 | $-19 \%$ |
| Coal concentrate |  |  |
| Coking | 2,207 | $-16 \%$ |
| Steam | 884 | $-50 \%$ |
| Iron ore concentrate | 1,323 | $55 \%$ |

* The coal concentrate has been produced from the part of the raw coal output.

Mining segment revenue from external customers for the first quarter of 2009 totaled $\$ 344.2$ million, or 29\% of consolidated net revenue, a decrease of $31.7 \%$ over net segment revenue from external customers of $\$ 504.3$ million, or $37 \%$ of consolidated net revenue, in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Operating income in the mining segment in the first quarter of 2009 decreased by $79.2 \%$ to $\$ 50.0$ million, or $12.6 \%$ of total segment revenue, compared to operating income of $\$ 240.1$ million, or $37.6 \%$ of total segment revenue, in the fourth quarter of 2008. EBITDA in the mining segment in the first quarter of 2009 decreased by $80.3 \%$ to $\$ 41.8$ million over segment EBITDA of $\$ 212.0$ million in the fourth quarter of 2008 . The EBITDA margin for the mining segment was $10.6 \%$ for the first three month of 2009 , versus $33.2 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2008. Depreciation, depletion and amortization in mining segment in the first quarter of 2009 amounted to $\$ 38.1$ million, a decrease of $41.8 \%$ over $\$ 65.5$ million in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Mechel's Senior vice-president Vladimir Polin commented on the mining segment operating results: "The results of mining segment were significantly affected by the sharp decline in demand for coking coal. Decrease in production of coking coal at Yakutugol brought about temporary increase in production costs which in turn caused decline in gross margin. Considering more favorable environment for steam coal we reoriented our production to mining mostly steam coal. In view of decreased demand for coking coal especially in the domestic market we concentrated most of our efforts on finding new customers particularly in Asia. As a result in the second quarter we signed a number of large scale long-term contracts with Chinese, Japanese and South Korean companies, which will allow us to increase utilization of coking coal mining capacity setting the base for its restoration to pre-crisis levels. We intend to maximize our efforts to improve results of our mining segment adhering to tight costs control and active marketing policy."

## Steel Segment Results

| US\$ thousand | 1Q 2009 | 4Q 2008 | Change <br> Q-on-Q |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Revenues from external <br> customers | 643,154 | 665,930 | $-3.4 \%$ |
| Intersegment sales | 41,698 | 79,879 | $-47.8 \%$ |
| Operating income | $(85,188)$ | $(363,336)$ | $76.6 \%$ |
| Net income | $(358,098)$ | $(404,095)$ | $11.4 \%$ |
| EBITDA $^{*}$ | $(260,268)$ | $(508,367)$ | $48.8 \%$ |
| EBITDA margin $^{* *}$ | $-38.0 \%$ | $-68.2 \%$ | - |

[^0]** - EBITDA margin is calculated as a percentage of consolidated revenues of the segment, including intersegment sales.

## Steel Segment Output

| Product | 1Q 2009, thousand tonnes | 1Q2009 vs. 4Q 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Coke | 543 | $-13 \%$ |
| Pig iron | 686 | $-5 \%$ |
| Steel | 1,100 | $-6 \%$ |
| Rolled products | 1,071 | $-1 \%$ |
| Hardware | 123 | $7 \%$ |

Revenue from external customers in Mechel's steel segment decreased by $3.4 \%$ in the first quarter of 2009 to $\$ 643.2$ million, or $55 \%$ of consolidated net revenue, from $\$ 665.9$ million, or $49 \%$ of consolidated net revenue, in the fourth quarter of 2008.

In the first quarter of 2009 the steel segment operating loss was $\$ 85.2$ million, an increase of $76.1 \%$ over operating loss of $\$ 363.3$ million in the fourth quarter of 2008. EBITDA in the steel segment in the first quarter of 2009 increased by $48.8 \%$ despite $\$ 236$ million of exchange loss and amounted to $-\$ 260.3$ million, compared to EBITDA of -\$508.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2008. The EBITDA margin of the steel segment was $-38.0 \%$ in the first quarter of 2008 compared to $-68.2 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2008. Depreciation, depletion and amortization in steel segment decreased by $26.9 \%$ from $\$ 36.1$ million in the fourth quarter of 2008 to $\$ 26.4$ million in the first quarter of 2009.

Commenting the results of the steel segment Vladimir Polin noted: "It is pleasant to note that despite continued decline in world steel production Mechel's steel segment output in the first quarter was maintained almost at the level of the previous quarter. We continued implementation of measures aimed at optimization of cost structure. Considering challenging market environment that sets higher standards in regard to production efficiency we have steadily increased output of high value added products. For some time we are witnessing certain stabilization of prices for steel products. Among other things this process is supported by a decrease in stock at traders' warehouses, which has fallen to its minimal level in Russia decreasing by $26 \%$ in the past half year. We are also witnessing some positive trends on our export markets. There has been some growth in demand from Middle East as well as from South-East Asia. Considering our efforts aimed at development of sales network and restructuring sales geography we succeeded at providing our production assets with offtake orders and increased capacity utilization almost to $100 \%$ level. Going forward we will continue realizing measures aimed at improving usage ratios as well as exercising tight control of costs structure in order to achieve increased efficiency of our steel segment when markets recover."

## Ferroalloy Segment Results

| US\$ thousand | $\mathbf{1 Q ~ 2 0 0 9}$ | 4Q 2008 | Change <br> Q-on-Q |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Revenues from external <br> customers | 53,859 | 31,804 | $69.3 \%$ |
| Intersegment sales | 7,075 | 10,025 | $-29.4 \%$ |
| Operating income | $(24,802)$ | $(127,315)$ | $80.5 \%$ |
| Net income | $(328,691)$ | $(270,103)$ | $-21.7 \%$ |
| EBITDA $^{*}$ | $-504.2 \%$ | $(498,096)$ | $38.3 \%$ |
| EBITDA margin** $^{* *}$ | $-1,190.8 \%$ | - |  |

*     - See Attachment A.
** - EBITDA margin is calculated as a percentage of consolidated revenues of the segment, including intersegment sales.


## Ferroalloy Segment Output

| Product | 1Q 2009, thousand tonnes | 1Q 2009 vs. 4Q 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Nickel | 2.9 | $45 \%$ |
| Ferrosilicon | 24.4 | $44 \%$ |
| Ferrochrome | 7.7 | $-23 \%$ |

Ferroalloy segment revenue form external customers for the first quarter of 2009 increased by $69.3 \%$ to $\$ 53.9$ million, or $5 \%$ of consolidated net revenue, compared with segment revenue from external customers of $\$ 31.8$ million, or $2 \%$ of consolidated net revenue, in the first quarter of 2008.

Operating loss in the ferroalloy segment in the first quarter of 2009 was $\$ 24.8$ million, an increase of $80.5 \%$ compared to operating loss of $\$ 127.3$ million in the previous quarter. EBITDA in the ferroalloy segment for the first quarter of 2009 inclusive of exchange loss was - $\$ 307.2$ million, $38.3 \%$ higher than segment EBITDA of -\$498.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2008. For ferroalloy segment depreciation, depletion and amortization in the first quarter of 2009 was $\$ 6.4$ million, an increase of $18.5 \%$ over $\$ 5.4$ million in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Vladimir Polin noted: "In the first quarter of 2009 market conditions for Mechel's ferroalloy products remained rather weak. Nevertheless we managed to cut down production costs and following a pick up in prices in the second quarter we increased capacity utilization of our ferroalloy assets to $100 \%$. We continue implementation of measures in order to increase efficiency of our ferroalloys operations. In the near future at our Tikhvin ferrochrome producing plant we plan to achieve designed capacity of dump slag processing unit, which will allow for $5 \%$ increase of chrome extraction from ore. Also in the second half of July we plan to increase production volumes of chrome ore which will further reduce costs of chrome concentrate and ferrochrome production."

## Power Segment Results

| US\$ thousand | 1Q 2009 | 4Q 2008 | Change <br> Q-on-Q |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Revenues from external <br> customers | 138,155 | 168,022 | $-17.8 \%$ |
| Intersegment sales | 72,661 | 82,185 | $-11.6 \%$ |
| Operating income | 12,124 | 10,349 | $17.2 \%$ |
| Net income $/$ (loss) $^{\text {EBITDA }^{*}}$ 245 | 4,270 | $-94.3 \%$ |  |
| EBITDA margin** $^{* *}$ | 13,901 | 13,225 | $5.1 \%$ |

*     - See Attachment A.
** - EBITDA margin is calculated as a percentage of consolidated revenues of the segment, including intersegment sales.


## Power Segment Output

| Product | Units | 1Q 2009 | 1Q2009 vs. 4Q 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Electric power generation | ths. kWh | 899,309 | $-8 \%$ |
| Heat power generation | Gcal | $2,102,207$ | $2 \%$ |

Mechel's power segment revenue from external customers for the first three months of 2009 totaled $\$ 138.2$ million, or $12 \%$ of consolidated net revenue, a decrease of $17.8 \%$ over segment revenue from external customers of $\$ 168.0$ million, or $12 \%$ of consolidated net revenue, in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Operating income in the power segment in the first quarter of 2009 was $\$ 12.1$ million, or $5.8 \%$ of total segment revenue, an increase of $17.2 \%$ compared to operating income of $\$ 10.3$ million, or $4.1 \%$ of total segment revenue, in the fourth quarter of 2008. EBITDA in the power segment in the first three months of 2009 increased $5.1 \%$ totaling $\$ 13.9$ million, compared to EBITDA of $\$ 13.2$ million in the fourth quarter of 2008. The EBITDA margin for the power segment increased from $5.3 \%$ to $6.6 \%$. Depreciation, depletion and
amortization in power segment in the first quarter of 2009 decreased $4.2 \%$, compared to the fourth quarter of 2008, from $\$ 4.7$ million to $\$ 4.5$ million.

Vladimir Polin noted: "From the beginning of the world financial and economic crisis we witness decline in consumption of electricity. Considering the increased proportion of the liberalized electricity market in Russia, the 'expensive' electricity is being most hampered. This situation causes partial or full idling of the generating capacities of less efficient companies. In this light, one of the top priority of the power segment of our business is to increase competitiveness. We work on decreasing costs, lowering the amount of fuel consumption and utilizing synergies of our vertical integration. Due to measures already conducted, we have minimized decline in electricity generation demonstrating better than Russian-average results."

## Recent Highlights

- In June 2009 Mechel announced that electric arc furnaces No. 1 and No. 2 at Tikhvin Ferroalloy Smelting Plant (JSC "TFZ"), a subsidiary of Oriel Resources Ltd. (Great Britain), have been commissioned. Today all of the four electric furnaces concurrently operate at Tikhvin Ferroalloy Smelting Plant. Thus, Mechel increases its output of high quality ferrochrome, an alloy required to produce stainless and special steels. From January 2009, steady supplies of high quality chrome ore commenced from the new Voskhod Mining and Processing Plant (Kazakhstan).
- In June 2009 Mechel announced that its Mechel Trading AG subsidiary has signed a long-term coking coal supply contract with South Korean Hyundai Steel. Pursuant to the contract, coal will be supplied during the next five years starting from April 1, 2010. The supply volumes will reach 300,000 tonnes p.a. The coal deliveries to South Korea will be performed on FOB basis via Mechel's Trade Port Posiet subsidiary.
- In June 2009 Mechel announced that the official restart of coke oven battery No. 4 was held at its Chelyabinsk Metallurgical Plant’s Mechel-Coke OOO subsidiary. Coke oven battery No. 4’s operations were suspended in January 2008 due to its capital repair. Coke oven battery No. 4 will supply additional coke to CMP's blast furnace workshop and produce 200 million cubic meters of gas for operation of the plant's power facilities.
- In June 2009 Mechel announced that in May 2009 high level of production capacity utilization was witnessed at its metallurgical plants as compared to the average level of capacity utilization in January - August 2008. Steel-making capacity utilization was more than $94 \%$, metallurgical commodity products capacity utilization was more than $95 \%$, including rolled products reached the level of about $99 \%$, hardware - about $74 \%$, forgings and stampings crossed the level of $58 \%$. Mechel’s plants in Romania steelmaking capacity utilization in May 2009 was about 76\%, hardware production capacity load was about $83 \%$.
- In June 2009 Mechel announced the restart of a block of coke oven batteries No. 2 at its Moscow Coke and Gas Plant OAO (Moskoks). After the restart, the plant's average monthly capacity utilization level will become equal to the average rates of the first eight months of 2008 (pre-crisis level). After commissioning of the block \#2 Mechel's coking assets capacity utilization will reach 100\%.
- In June 2009 Mechel announced starting production for repair of type 2 BC-105 dump cars at its Korshunov Mining Plant OAO subsidiary and obtaining a permit for the repaired dump cars to be used at railways of Russia. All activities to start new production including process technology and specifications-supplied unique equipment development as well as construction and erection works were performed in-house without involvement of design companies and contractors allowing for costs minimization. Inspecting authorities have confirmed full compliance with process technology and safety regulations of Russian Railways JSC. Capacity of new production provides for Korshunov Mining Plant annual needs for type 2 BC dump cars repairs of 180 dump cars per year.
- In June 2009 Mechel announced signing of contracts for coking and steam coal supplies to Chinese, Japanese, and South Korean companies for 2009. Currently total volume of supplies for 2009 fiscal year under contracts with Chinese, Japanese, and South Korean companies amounts to approximately 2 million tons of coking coal concentrate produced at Yakutugol and 2.3 million tons of steam coal of various grades produced at Yakutugol and Southern Kuzbass. Starting from 2007, Mechel also performs successful sales of iron ore concentrate produced at its Korshunov Mining Plant to China.

Igor Zyuzin concluded: "The beginning of 2009 was a difficult period for our company. It required significant efforts to adopt Mechel to the drastically falling world economy and keep production from being idled. Nevertheless, we managed not only to maintain our business, but even in this environment we demonstrated positive operational income. We have found new sources and ways to decrease costs and increase efficiency, became more active and flexible in our sales, entered new geographical markets, optimized logistics. Even more, while we witnessed decrease in global demand, we still managed to increase our market share in some of our products. Thus Mechel today is fully capable to utilize the stabilization of the world economy we start to feel today and to increase shareholder value."

## Financial Position

Capital expenditure on property, plant and equipment and acquisition of mineral licenses for the first quarter of 2009 amounted to $\$ 96.1$ million, of which $\$ 40.6$ million was invested in the mining segment, $\$ 42.7$ million was invested in the steel segment, $\$ 12.8$ million was invested in the ferroalloy segment and $\$ 25$ thousand was invested in the power segment.

In the first quarter of 2009 Mechel spent $\$ 13.6$ million on acquisitions, including $\$ 4.1$ million spent on acquisition of minority interest in other subsidiaries.

As of March 31, 2009 total debt was at $\$ 5.8$ billion. Cash and cash equivalents amounted to $\$ 953.3$ million at the end of the first quarter of 2009 and net debt amounted to $\$ 4.9$ billion (net debt is defined as total debt outstanding less cash and cash equivalents).

The management of Mechel will host a conference call today at 10:00 a.m. New York time (3:00 p.m. London time, 6:00 p.m. Moscow time) to review Mechel's financial results and comment on current operations. The call may be accessed via the Internet at http://www.mechel.com, under the Investor Relations section.

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Mechel is one of the leading Russian companies. Its business includes four segments: mining, steel, ferroalloy and power. Mechel unites producers of coal, iron ore concentrate, steel, rolled products, ferroalloys, hardware, heat and electric power. Mechel products are marketed domestically and internationally.

[^1]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.

## Attachment A

Non-GAAP financial measures. This press release includes financial information prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or US GAAP, as well as other financial measures referred to as non-GAAP. The non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, the information prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

## Earnings Before Interest, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA) and EBITDA margin. EBITDA

 represents earnings before interest, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA margin is defined as EBITDA as a percentage of our net revenues. Our EBITDA may not be similar to EBITDA measures of other companies; is not a measurement under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, the information contained in our consolidated statement of operations. We believe that EBITDA provides useful information to investors because it is an indicator of the strength and performance of our ongoing business operations, including our ability to fund discretionary spending such as capital expenditures, acquisitions and other investments and our ability to incur and service debt. While interest, depreciation and amortization are considered operating costs under generally accepted accounting principles, these expenses primarily represent the non-cash current period allocation of costs associated with long-lived assets acquired or constructed in prior periods. Our EBITDA calculation is commonly used as one of the bases for investors, analysts and credit rating agencies to evaluate and compare the periodic and future operating performance and value of companies within the metals and mining industry. EBITDA can be reconciled to our consolidated statements of operations as follows:| US\$ thousands | 1Q 2009 | 4Q 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Net income | $(690,701)$ | $(496,931)$ |
| Add: |  |  |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization | 75,352 | 111,572 |
| Interest expense | 118,586 | 124,114 |
| Income taxes | 22,468 | $(556,078)$ |
| Consolidated EBITDA | $(474,297)$ | $(817,323)$ |

EBITDA margin can be reconciled as a percentage to our Revenues as follows:

| US\$ thousands | 1Q 2009 | 4Q 2008 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue, net | $1,179,405$ | $1,370,024$ |
| EBITDA | $(474,297)$ | $(817,323)$ |
| EBITDA margin | $-40.2 \%$ | $-59.7 \%$ |

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share amounts)

|  | March 31,2009 (unaudited) |  | December 31,2008 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 953,335 | \$ | 254,838 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of $\$ 110,266$ as of March 31, 2009 and $\$ 110,613$ as of December 31, 2008 |  | 378,948 |  | 406,749 |
| Due from related parties. |  | 6,642 |  | 22,171 |
| Inventories. |  | 1,062,188 |  | 1,365,109 |
| Deferred income taxes. |  | 14,117 |  | 22,047 |
| Prepayments and other current assets. |  | 576,582 |  | 674,262 |
| Total current assets. |  | 2,991,812 |  | 2,745,176 |
| Long-term investments in related parties .............................................. |  | 81,820 |  | 80,408 |
| Other long-term investments |  | 481,995 |  | 472,772 |
| Intangible assets, net |  | 5,986 |  | 6,956 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net. |  | 3,746,786 |  | 4,277,841 |
| Mineral licenses, net.......................................................................... |  | 2,893,885 |  | 3,430,642 |
| Other non-current assets. |  | 77,103 |  | 57,844 |
| Deferred income taxes. |  | 37,624 |  | 27,551 |
| Goodwill. |  | 811,405 |  | 910,444 |
| Total assets... | \$ | 11,128,416 | \$ | 12,009,634 |

## Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity

Short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term debt (including debt of $\$ 3,488,628$ with loan covenant violations as of March 31, 2009).
\$
Accounts payable and accrued expenses:
Trade payable to vendors of goods and services. $\qquad$


| $\mathbf{6 0 9 , 7 9 3}$ | 688,702 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{1 1 1 , 7 6 9}$ | 125,042 |
| $\mathbf{1 6 3 , 4 1 6}$ | 143,587 |
| $\mathbf{1 4 3 , 6 4 5}$ | 131,241 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 , 8 0 1}$ | 27,176 |

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities
Taxes and social charges payable
20,801
27,176
Unrecognized income tax benefits.
Due to related parties.
1,527
4,136 6,387
Asset retirement obligation, current portion
23,084
Deferred income taxes.
Deferred revenue
4,969
29,810
1,776
Pension obligations, current portion
17,354
28,960
Dividends payable
13,558
4,919
Finance lease liabilities, current portion.
,887,499
14,891
Total current liabilities

| $\mathbf{1 , 1 1 3 , 5 5 4}$ | 219,816 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{5 8 , 1 3 0}$ | 65,217 |
| $\mathbf{1 4 0 , 1 8 1}$ | 158,070 |
| $\mathbf{7 3 2 , 7 1 7}$ | 841,214 |
| $\mathbf{4 3 , 5 2 5}$ | 54,161 |
| - | - |
| $\mathbf{9 , 9 1 4}$ | 8,026 |

## Shareholders' Equity

Common shares (10 Russian rubles par value; 497,969,086 shares authorized, 416,270,745 shares issued and outstanding as of
March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008).
133,507
133,507
Additional paid-in capital
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)
Retained earnings

Total equity
415,070
415,070
158,937
$(249,259)$

Equity attributable to Mechel shareholders
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests
3,323,298

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity
\$
2,632,597
2,931,915
210,981
,030,812
3,142,896
4,321,661
$\qquad$

## 11,128,416

\$

## Consolidated Income Statements

(in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share amounts)

Revenue, net (including related party amounts of \$19,492 and \$21,326 during 3months ending March 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively) \$
Cost of goods sold (including related party amounts of \$1,569 and \$9,684 during 3months ending March 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively)
Gross profit $\qquad$

| 3 months ended March 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} 2009 \\ \text { (unaudited) } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 2008 \\ \text { (unaudited) } \end{gathered}$ |
| \$ | 1,179,405 | \$ | 2,328,201 |
|  | $(804,214)$ |  | (1,244,779) |
|  | 375,191 |  | 1,083,422 |

## Selling, distribution and operating expenses:

Selling and distribution expenses
Taxes other than income tax
$(247,385)$
$(11,962)$
$(295,955)$
Accretion expense
$(1,723)$
Loss on write-off of property, plant and equipment
Allowance for doubtful accounts $\qquad$ (418)
$(99,922)$
Total selling, distribution and operating expenses
Operating income
$(361,409)$
13,781
$(21,526)$
..... $\qquad$
$\ldots .$.

| $(\mathbf{2 4 7 , 3 8 5})$ | $(295,955)$ |
| ---: | :---: |
| $(\mathbf{1 1 , 9 6 2 )}$ | $(21,526)$ |
| $(1,723)$ | $(822)$ |
| - | - |
| $(\mathbf{4 1 8})$ | $(418)$ |
| $\mathbf{( 9 9 , 9 2 2 )}$ | $(122,562)$ |
| $\mathbf{( 3 6 1 , 4 0 9 )}$ | $(441,283)$ |
| $\mathbf{1 3 , 7 8 1}$ | 642,139 |

Other income and (expense):

|  | Income from equity investments. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Interest income. |
|  | Interest expense. |
|  | Other (expenses) income, net. |
|  | Foreign exchange (loss) gain . |
|  | Total other income and (expense), net |
|  | Income (loss) before income tax, minority interest, discontinued operations and extraordinary gain. |


| 3,116 | 310 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 987 | 4,937 |
| $(118,586)$ | $(56,324)$ |
| $(2,899)$ | 3,871 |
| $(591,930)$ | 128,776 |
| $(709,313)$ | 81,570 |
| $(695,532)$ | 723,709 |

Income tax expense.

| $(22,468)$ | $(185,371)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $(718,000)$ | 538,338 |
| - |  |
| 27,298 | $(38,329)$ |
| $(690,701)$ | 500,009 |
| $(394,990)$ | 128,139 |
| $(8,084)$ | $(2,049)$ |
| $(5,122)$ | $(1,460)$ |
| $(408,196)$ | 124,630 |

Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax
$(408,196)$
124,630
Less: other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, attributable to noncontrolling interests
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, attributable to Mechel's shareholders
Comprehensive income (loss)
52,412
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax
Less:Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests
Net income (loss)
Currency translation adjustment.
)
Change in pension benefit obligation

52,412

Basic and diluted earnings per share:
Earnings per share from continuing operations.
\$
Income per share effect of discontinued operations
\$
$\$ \xlongequal{(1,098,897)}$

$\$ \xlongequal{$| 110,132 |
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Net income (loss) per share
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$\mathbf{( 1 . 7 2 )}$$\quad \$$| $\$$ |
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| (in thousands of U.S. dollars) | 3 months ended March 31, |  |  |  |
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|  | $\begin{gathered} \underline{2009} \\ \text { (unaudited) } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\underline{2008}$(unaudited) |  |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities |  |  |  |  |
| Net income (loss). | \$ | $(690,701)$ | \$ | 500,009 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation. |  | 59,676 |  | 86,285 |
| Depletion and amortization. |  | 15,677 |  | 25,108 |
| Foreign exchange loss(gain) |  | 591,930 |  | $(128,776)$ |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 1,542 |  | $(7,428)$ |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts |  | 418 |  | 418 |
| Inventory write-down |  | $(60,900)$ |  | 115 |
| Accretion expense. |  | 1,723 |  | 822 |
| Loss on write-off of property, plant and equipment ..... |  | - |  | - |
| Minority interest. |  | $(27,298)$ |  | 38,329 |
| Change in undistributed earnings of equity investments $\qquad$ |  | $(3,116)$ |  | (310) |
| Non-cash interest on long-term tax and pension |  |  |  |  |
| liabilities.. |  | 3,628 |  | 5,479 |
| Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment ............ |  | 1,977 |  | 2,207 |
| (Gain) loss on sale of investments .......... |  | (6) |  | $(1,664)$ |
| Gain on discharged asset retirement obligations........... |  | - |  | - |
| Income from discontinued operations..... |  | - |  | - |
| Gain on accounts payable with expired legal term ....... |  | (82) |  | (858) |
| Gain on forgiveness of fines and penalties .................. |  | - |  | - |
| Amortization of loan origination fee and costs on bonds issue $\qquad$ |  | 9,866 |  | 1,639 |
| Pension service cost and amortization of prior period service cost $\qquad$ |  | 6,051 |  | 2,472 |
| Pension benefit plan curtailment gain ........................ |  | - |  | - |
| Provision for short-term investment .......................... |  | - |  |  |
| Net change before changes in working capital. |  | $(89,615)$ |  | 523,847 |
| Changes in working capital items, net of effects from acquisition of new subsidiaries: |  |  |  |  |
| Trading securities |  | - |  |  |
| Accounts receivable. |  | $(6,524)$ |  | $(130,261)$ |
| Inventories |  | 247,534 |  | $(97,097)$ |
| Trade payable to vendors of goods and services. |  | $(155,076)$ |  | $(2,399)$ |
| Advances received. |  | $(6,098)$ |  | 12,938 |
| Accrued taxes and other liabilities |  | 83,646 |  | 187,797 |
| Settlements with related parties . |  | 15,664 |  | $(10,322)$ |
| Current assets and liabilities of discontinued operations $\qquad$ |  | - |  | - |
| Deferred revenue and cost of inventory in transit, net. |  | 6,262 |  | $(8,345)$ |
| Other current assets |  | $(20,679)$ |  | $(104,502)$ |
| Prepayments to non-state pension funds..................... |  | $(1,246)$ |  | - |
| Unrecognized income tax benefits.. |  | $(4,118)$ |  | $(3,322)$ |
| Commission on social assets outsourced |  | $(30,208)$ |  | - |
| Net cash provided by operating activities................... |  | 39,542 |  | 368,334 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities |  |  |  |  |
| Acquisition of Oriel, less cash acquired .................... |  | - |  | - |
| Acquisition of Ekos Plus, less cash acquired .............. |  | $(1,124)$ |  | - |
| Acquisition of Ductil Steel S.A., less cash acquired .... |  | - |  | - |
| Advances paid for Bluestone Industries Inc. .............. |  | - |  | - |
| Acquisition of HBL, less cash acquired ..................... |  | $(8,387)$ |  | - |
| Acquisition of in Yakutugol, less cash acquired.......... |  | - |  | - |
| Acquisition of Elgaugol, less cash acquired ................ |  | - |  | - |


| Acquisition of SKPP, less cash acquired.. |  | - |  | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Acquisition of BFP, less cash acquired....................... |  | - |  | - |
| Acquisition of KPSC, less cash acquired.................... |  | - |  | - |
| Acquisition of other subsidiaries, less cash acquired.... |  | - |  | - |
| Acquisition of minority interest in subsidiaries |  | $(4,119)$ |  | (726) |
| Investment in TPP Rousse. |  | - |  | - |
| Investments in other marketable securities ............... |  | - |  |  |
| Proceeds from disposal of non-marketable equity securities $\qquad$ |  | 4,014 |  | 4,070 |
| Other long-term investments .................................. |  | - |  | - |
| Repayments of short-term loans issued ................... |  | $(1,096)$ |  |  |
| Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment. |  | 95 |  | 976 |
| Purchases of mineral licenses ......................... |  | (604) |  | (809) |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment ............. |  | $(95,529)$ |  | $(174,686)$ |
| Net cash used in investing activities. |  | $(106,750)$ |  | $(171,175)$ |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities |  |  |  |  |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings ..... |  | 578,144 |  | 663,893 |
| Repayment of short-term borrowings ...................... |  | $(960,067)$ |  | $(991,987)$ |
| Dividends paid. |  | (220) |  | - |
| Proceeds from long-term debt. |  | 1,117,606 |  | 29,549 |
| Repayment of long-term debt. |  | $(2,564)$ |  | $(2,083)$ |
| Repayment of obligations under finance lease .......... |  | $(5,939)$ |  | $(6,260)$ |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities... |  | 726,960 |  | $(306,888)$ |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents $\qquad$ |  | 38,745 |  | 18,347 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents |  | 698,497 |  | $(91,382)$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period..... |  | 254,838 |  | 236,779 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period .............. | \$ | 953,335 | \$ | 145,397 |


[^0]:    *     - See Attachment A.

[^1]:    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.

