

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer
October 03, 2013

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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Yes No

Press release

MTS Appoints Vice President for Foreign Subsidiaries

October 03, 2013

Moscow, Russian Federation Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS or the Company NYSE: MBT), the leading telecommunications provider in Russia and the CIS, announces the appointment of Mr. Andrei Smelkov as Vice President for Foreign Subsidiaries, Member of the Executive Board.

Andrei Smelkov, who in his new capacity will oversee MTS's presence in Armenia, Turkmenistan and Belarus, boasts extensive experience in the telecommunications industry in Russia and throughout Central Asia. He joins MTS from Tele2 AB, where he served as Senior Advisor to Executive Vice President, Central Europe and Eurasia. In 2010- 2013, Mr. Smelkov was CEO, Chairman of the Management Board, of Tele2 in Kazakhstan. In 2008-2010, he worked as CEO of Skymobile in Kyrgyzstan. From 2006 to 2008, he served as Regional Development Director and Deputy CEO in Vimpelcom, Uzbekistan. From 2004 to 2007, he was head of Vimpelcom operations in Novgorod. In 2002, he began his career as a marketing and advertising manager of mobile operator Novgorod Telecommunications.

Andrei Smelkov was born in 1976. In 1998, he graduated from the Novgorod State University with a degree in management and economics. In 2000, Mr. Smelkov graduated from the University College in Telemak (Norway) with a degree in economics and business administration. In 2012, he completed executive development program in business administration and management at the Wharton School of Business.

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Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS) is the leading telecommunications group in Russia, Central and Eastern Europe, 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, Armenia, Turkmenistan and Belarus, a region that boasts a total population of more than 200 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 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, 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.

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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.

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS OJSC

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

Date: **October 03, 2013**