

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 09, 2003**

**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)

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Yes No

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS (MTS) HAS LAUNCHED A SEVEN-YEAR \$400 MILLION BOND

Moscow, Russian Federation 9 October, 2003 Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS - NYSE: MBT), the largest mobile cellular operator in Russia, announces that it has successfully launched a \$400 million seven-year bond.

On Wednesday, 8 October 2003, Mobile TeleSystems (MTS) launched a \$400 million Reg S/144A bond (Eurobond) due 2010. The issue was priced at par with a coupon of 8.375% payable semi-annually. The bond will be issued through MTS 100% beneficially owned subsidiary, Mobile TeleSystems Finance S.A., a company organized under the laws of Luxembourg, and will be guaranteed by MTS.

The issue will be listed in Luxembourg and documented under New York law.

The proceeds of the bond are expected to be used to prepay certain loans obtained to finance certain capital expenditures and for general corporate purposes, including dividends, and, over time, to repay certain existing indebtedness incurred for the acquisitions of mobile operators in Russia and Ukraine.

The bond will be offered and sold outside the United States in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act and in the United States to qualified institutional buyers (as defined in Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act) in reliance on Rule 144A.

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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

By: Vassily Sidorov
Name: Vassily Sidorov
Title: Acting President/CEO

Date: **October 09, 2003**