

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS OJSC
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer
April 29, 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 Announces New Dividend Policy

April 29, 2013

Moscow, Russian Federation Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS or the Company NYSE: MBT), the leading telecommunications provider in Russia and the CIS, announces the Board of Directors (BoD or the Board) has approved a new dividend policy that may allow MTS to payout over RUB 40 billion in dividends to shareholders in 2013.

At a meeting held today, the Board approved a new dividend policy, which stipulates that for the calendar years 2013-2015, MTS aims to payout a minimum dividend distribution of an amount equal to at least 75% of Free Cash Flow for the relevant financial period or, if greater, RUB 40.0 billion per year. The Board also recommended that MTS begin to payout dividends on a semi-annual basis using interim H1 and full-year financial results.

As a result, the Board recommended that an annual general meeting of shareholders (the AGM) approve annual dividends of RUB 14.6 per ordinary MTS share (approximately RUB 29.2 per ADR) for the 2012 fiscal year, amounting to a total of RUB 30.2 billion(1). In addition, the Board advised that MTS consider a semi-annual dividend payout of up to RUB 11 billion on the basis of its H1 2013 financial and operating results, which should become available in autumn 2013. Overall, this payout could increase the cumulative amount returned to investors in 2013 by over 35% relative to 2012.

The Board set the date for the Company's the AGM for Tuesday, June 25, 2013. The record date for the Company's shareholders and ADR-holders entitled to participate in the AGM and to receive dividends for the year 2012 has been set for Wednesday, May 8, 2013. Following approval, the dividend will be paid out in the period of two months following the approval of the AGM in accordance with Russian law.

In addition, issues entered into the AGM agenda by the BoD include among others:

- Procedure for conducting the Annual General Shareholders Meeting

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- Approval of MTS OJSC Annual Report; MTS OJSC Annual Financial Statements, including MTS OJSC Profit & Loss Statement; distribution of profits and losses of MTS OJSC based on 2012FY results (including payment of dividends);
- Election of members of MTS OJSC Board of Directors;
- Election of members of MTS OJSC Auditing Commission;
- Approval of MTS OJSC auditor;
- Approval of MTS OJSC Charter as amended and restated;
- Approval of the Regulations of MTS OJSC General Shareholders Meeting as amended and restated;
- Approval of the Regulations of MTS OJSC Board of Directors as amended and restated;
- Approval of the Regulations of MTS OJSC Management Board as amended and restated;
- Approval of the Regulations of MTS OJSC President as amended and restated.

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Learn more about MTS. Visit the official blog of the Investor Relations Department at www.mtsgsm.com/blog/

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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 and pay TV 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, including Comstar-UTS, 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

By: */s/ Andrei Dubovskov*
Name: Andrei Dubovskov
Title: CEO

Date: **April 29, 2013**