

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS OJSC
Form 6-K
December 19, 2005

FORM 6-K

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Issuer
December 16, 2005**

**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.

Edgar Filing: MOBILE TELESYSTEMS OJSC - Form 6-K

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ☐ No ☒

MTS INCREASES OWNERSHIP IN ITS SUBSIDIARY

IN SOUTHERN RUSSIA TO 100%

Moscow, Russian Federation December 16, 2005 Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS - NYSE: MBT), the largest mobile phone operator in Russia and the CIS, announces that it has acquired the remaining 47.5% of Telesot-Alania, a GSM mobile phone operator in the Republic of North Ossetia.

In line with the Company's strategy of consolidating ownership in its subsidiaries, MTS has acquired the remaining 47.5% stake in Telesot-Alania. The initial 52.5% controlling stake was purchased in December 2004. The total amount paid for 100% ownership of Telesot-Alania was \$38.8 million.

Telesot-Alania is a GSM-900/1800 mobile phone operator in the Republic of North Ossetia (total population: 710 thousand). As of November 30, 2005, the company's subscriber base reached 98.4 thousand subscribers. Mobile penetration in the region reached approximately 63% at the end of October 2005.

For the first nine months of 2005, the company's revenues amounted to \$6.10 million(1) and its operating income totalled \$1.24 million(2). The company's debt position is insignificant.

For further information contact:

Mobile TeleSystems, Moscow
Andrey Braginski, Investor Relations

tel: +7 095 223-20-25
e-mail: ir@mts.ru

Edgar Filing: MOBILE TELESYSTEMS OJSC - Form 6-K

Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS) is the largest mobile phone operator in Russia and the CIS. Together with its subsidiaries, the Company services over 54.1 million subscribers. The regions of Russia, as well as Belarus, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan, in which MTS and its subsidiaries are licensed to provide GSM services, have a total population of approximately 238.2 million. Since June 2000, MTS Level 3 ADRs have been listed on the New York Stock Exchange with the ticker symbol MBT. Additional information about MTS can be found on MTS' website at www.mtsgsm.com.

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 the n 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 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, 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, risks associated with operating in Russia, volatility of stock price, financial risk management, and future growth subject to risks.

(1) Based on unaudited financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP).

(2) Amortization and depreciation amounted to \$2.11 million for the first nine months of 2005.

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:	President/CEO

Date: **December 16, 2005**