

MOBILE TELESYSTEMS OJSC
Form 6-K
September 24, 2014

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer
September 24, 2014

**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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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 ☒

Press-release

Suspension of Transactions with MTS's Ordinary Shares and Trading of the Ordinary Shares on the Moscow Exchange

September 24, 2014

Moscow, Russian Federation Mobile TeleSystems OJSC (MTS NYSE: MBT), the leading telecommunications provider in Russia and the CIS, announces that in accordance with new requirements under Russian laws governing the operations of registrars and depositories, all transactions involving MTS's ordinary shares, as well as trading of the Company's shares on the Moscow Exchange, will be temporarily suspended beginning September 25, 2014.

In July 2013, the Federal Service for Financial Markets enacted new regulations, which mandate that trading in and transactions involving shares of companies undergoing reorganization through the takeover of subsidiaries be suspended pending the registration of a company's reorganization with relevant tax authorities.

In accordance with the Federal Law N 129-FZ, "On the state registration of the legal entities and individual entrepreneurs," the registration of a company reorganization should not require more than five working days. It is expected that trading in the Company's ordinary shares will fully resume on October 3, 2014.

Changes in regulations will in no way impact or restrict the trading of the Company's ADRs or shares listed on foreign exchanges. However, during this period, MTS's depository bank will not be able to issue or cancel ADRs on behalf of ADR holders.

The subsidiary companies include Elf CJSC, EFCOM CJSC, Pilot CJSC, TVKiK CJSC, ZhelGorTeleCom CJSC, Intercom CJSC, TRK TVT OJSC, Kaskad-TV CJSC, Kuznetsktelemost CJSC, Sistema Telecom CJSC, and TZ CJSC. The reorganization of these entities was approved at the annual general meeting of shareholders on June 24, 2014.

For further information, please contact in Moscow:

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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, 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 in Russia, Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Armenia 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

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

Date: **September 24, 2014**