OPEN JOINT STOCK CO VIMPEL COMMUNICATIONS Form 6-K June 11, 2008

## **UNITED STATES**

## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 6-K

**Report of Foreign Issuer** 

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of June 2008

**Commission File Number 1-14522** 

# **Open Joint Stock Company** Vimpel-Communications

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

10 Ulitsa 8-Marta, Building 14, Moscow, Russian Federation 127083

(Address of principal executive offices)

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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.

#### OPEN JOINT STOCK COMPANY

VIMPEL-COMMUNICATIONS (Registrant)

By: /s/ Alexander V. Izosimov Name: Alexander V. Izosimov Title: Chief Executive Officer and

General Director

Date: June 11, 2008

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Alexey Reznikovich Elected VimpelCom s Chairman of the Board of Directors

Moscow and New York (June 11, 2008) Open Joint Stock Company Vimpel-Communications (VimpelCom or the Company) (NYSE: VIP), today announced that Alexey Reznikovich was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors at a meeting of VimpelCom s Board of Directors held today. It was the first meeting of the new Board of Directors elected at the annual general meeting of VimpelCom s shareholders held in Moscow on June 9, 2008.

Mr. Reznikovich said I am grateful to my colleagues for their trust and I look forward to working with my fellow Board members and VimpelCom s management to continue VimpelCom s long tradition of excellent performance, strong corporate governance and creating value for VimpelCom shareholders.

Alexey Reznikovich has served as a Director of VimpelCom since May 2002. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Golden Telecom from May 2007 to February 2008. Since June 2005, Mr. Reznikovich has served as Chief Executive Officer of Altimo, which was created in 2005 to manage the telecoms investments of Alfa Group. He has also served as a Director of Alfa Group since 2002. Before joining Alfa, Mr. Reznikovich founded EMAX, a business venture to develop internet centers in Russia, and was a member of the Boards of Directors of EMAX and CAFEMAX, an internet cafe chain, since February 2001. From 1998 through 2001, Mr. Reznikovich was a partner at McKinsey & Co., and prior to that he worked at Procter & Gamble in Italy and Transworld in the U.S. Mr. Reznikovich graduated from the Economics Faculty of Moscow State University and received an MBA from Georgetown University in USA and INSEAD in France in 1993.

The VimpelCom Group is a telecommunications operator, providing voice and data services, covered through a range of wireless, fixed and broadband technologies. The Group includes companies operating in Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Georgia and Armenia, in territories with a total population of about 250 million. VimpelCom was the first Russian company to list its shares on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). VimpelCom s ADSs are listed on the NYSE under the symbol VIP.

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