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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Mitsui to wind down its subsidiary Mitsui Oil (Asia) Pte. Ltd. s operation

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February 15, 2007

Commission File Number 09929

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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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.

Date: February 15, 2007

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Kazuya Imai
Name: Kazuya Imai
Title: Executive Director

Senior Executive Managing Officer

Chief Financial Officer

February 15, 2007

For immediate release:

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

Mitsui to wind down its subsidiary Mitsui Oil (Asia) Pte. Ltd. s operation

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui) announced that it has decided on winding down its subsidiary Mitsui Oil (Asia) Pte. Ltd. (MOAS, Headquarters: Singapore).

Recently Mitsui has been considering various alternatives to restructure its physical and derivative trading businesses in crude oil and petroleum products extended in Asia within its group companies, which included a possible transfer of those operations from MOAS to other entities. In the meantime, as Mitsui announced on November 21 and December 20, 2006, one of the traders at MOAS had incurred but deceptively concealed significant unrealized losses on physical and future trading of naphtha, and accumulated losses realized through orderly liquidation of these transactions amounted to ¥9.6 billion (before tax), bringing MOAS to negative net worth of ¥7.7 billion as of December 31, 2006.

As MOAS has virtually completed its obligations on outstanding physical contracts, Mitsui is now announcing on its decision to wind down MOAS operation and the related time schedule. Following this decision, MOAS will substantially downsize its activities, and cease entering into new purchase and sales contract, except for transactions required for the liquidation of outstanding inventories. MOAS will honor and fulfill all of its outstanding contractual obligations on swap agreements in compliance with their terms and the relevant legal requirements in Singapore, and subsequently target to complete the necessary board and shareholder resolution for the dissolution and liquidation of the company by March 31, 2008. Mitsui is fully committed to supporting MOAS in its execution of those outstanding contracts. Mitsui s forecast net income for the year ending March 31, 2007 remains unchanged as a result of this decision.

As announced on December 20, 2006, Mitsui has conducted an internal investigation on this incident, which completed on January 30, 2007. MOAS reported the findings of the internal investigation to Singapore Police Force on February 12, 2007. Based on the recommendations made as a result of the investigation, Mitsui will implement relevant course of actions to further reinforce the controls and procedures over Mitsui s group-wide commodity trading operations.

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