

MITSUI & CO LTD
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Notice Concerning Trading Losses incurred at Mitsui Oil (Asia) Pte. Ltd

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of November 21, 2006

Commission File Number 09929

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

2-1, Ohtemachi 1-chome Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0004 Japan

(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.

Date: November 21, 2006

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Kazuya Imai
Name: Kazuya Imai
Title: Executive Director
Senior Executive Managing Officer

Chief Financial Officer

November 21, 2006

For immediate release:

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

Notice Concerning Trading Losses incurred at Mitsui Oil (Asia) Pte. Ltd

Mitsui Oil (Asia) Pte. Ltd. (MOAS, Headquarters: Singapore), a subsidiary of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui), incurred losses of approximately U.S. \$81 million (¥9.6 billion) before tax as of November 17, 2006 in relation to its naphtha trading transactions.

Based on the facts discovered so far, one of the traders had incurred but hidden by deceptively reporting on significant unrealized losses on physical and future trading of naphtha. During its regular scrutiny of trading positions in early November, the middle office at MOAS inquired on the transactions, which led to the trader's confession on hidden losses.

Mitsui and MOAS immediately set up a task force and started conducting internal investigations to gain a clearer picture of the incident, while grasping and liquidating the outstanding trading positions held by the trader. Although the final outcome of the financial impact may marginally fluctuate, most of the trading positions have already been orderly liquidated and the gross profit at MOAS as of November 17, 2006, including all transactions other than these naphtha-related ones was negative figure of approximately U.S. \$63 million (¥7.4 billion) before tax.

Based on the result of ongoing internal investigation, MOAS will decide on the course of actions against the trader and come up with relevant measures to reinforce its internal controls. In the meantime, Mitsui recognizes the grave impact of the financial loss and will continue to make utmost effort for improving governance and controls on its subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the above-mentioned negative financial impact, the annual forecast of Mitsui's consolidated net income ¥300 billion for the year ending March 31, 2007 and the interim dividend of ¥17 per share, which were announced on October 31, remain unchanged.

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