

MITSUI & CO LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Mitsui divests certain Australian upstream oil & gas assets

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April 24, 2007

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: April 24, 2007

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

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

Chief Financial Officer

April 24, 2007

For Immediate Release:

To Whom It May Concern

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

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Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui) announced today that its Australian subsidiary, Wandoo Petroleum Pty Limited (WPP), has entered into sales agreements with ARC Energy Limited (ARC) in which WPP will divest its entire Australian upstream oil & gas portfolio to ARC. WPP is a joint venture company held by Mitsui, Mitsui Oil Exploration Co., and International Petroleum Exploration Co., all of Japan, through an investment company Wandoo Oil Development Co. (WODCO). The terms of the sales agreements are summarized below:

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| Seller | WPP (refer to Attachment 1) |
| Buyer | ARC (refer to Attachment 2) |
| Sale Assets | all of WPP's upstream oil & gas assets (refer to Attachment 3) |
| Consideration | 315 million U.S. dollars (*1) |
| Effective Date | January 1st, 2007 |
| Expected Completion Date | late May 2007 |
| Conditions Precedent | Government approvals and confirmation of waiver/exercise of existing pre-emptive rights(*2) |

*1 Adjustments for cash flow movements between the effective date and the completion date shall be made to the consideration.

*2 Several of the permits are subject to pre-emptive rights by the respective joint venture parties. In the event the rights are exercised, the related assets will not be included in the sale to ARC and the buyer of those permits will change as a result.

This divestment is in line with Mitsui's corporate strategy to review its business portfolio to create shareholder value, and was approved by all of WODCO's shareholders. The sale proceeds attributable to Mitsui will be redirected to other investment opportunities as part of a continuous and efficient recycling of company resources. Mitsui's proceeds from this deal will be determined and informed at a later stage.

Mitsui continues to view Oceania as one of its core oil and gas exploration and production business regions. Through its wholly owned subsidiary, Mitsui E&P Australia Pty Ltd., Mitsui's current equity production rate from the Enfield oil field and the Casino gas field is around 25,000 to 30,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day. Mitsui also has interests in the Tui oil project, the Vincent oil project, and the Kupe gas project, all set to commence production in the near future. Mitsui will continue to select and invest in attractive opportunities and continue expanding its portfolio in the Oceania region.

Attachments: 1) WPP Shareholding
2) Brief Summary of ARC
3) Map of the Sale Assets

<Attachment 1: WPP Shareholding>

| | % Shared held |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Shareholding of WPP | |
| Wandoo Oil Development Co. | 95% |
| Mitsui & Co. (Australia) Ltd. | 5% |

| | % Shared held |
|--|---------------|
| Shareholding of Wandoo Oil Development Co. | |
| Mitsui & Co. Ltd. | 55% |
| Mitsui Oil Exploration Co. | 30% |
| International Petroleum Exploration Co. | 15% |

<Attachment 2: Brief Summary of ARC>

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| Registered Company Name | ARC Energy Limited |
| Registered Address | Perth, Australia |
| Revenue (Consolidated; FY June 2006) | 115.4 Million AUD |
| Profit (Consolidated; FY June 2006) | 15.5 Million AUD |
| Total Assets (Consolidated; end June 2006) | 214.3 Million AUD |

<Attachment 3: Map of the Sale Assets>

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