

MITSUI & CO LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Mitsui to Acquire U.S. Auto Finance Companies

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May 1, 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: May 1, 2007

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

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

May 1, 2007

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

For immediate release

To whom it may concern

Mitsui to Acquire U.S. Auto Finance Companies

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc., (collectively Mitsui) announced today the signing of definitive agreements pursuant to which Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc. will acquire 87.5% of the shares of privately held Affiliated Financial Corporation and BayQuest Capital Corporation (collectively, AFC), headquartered in Sunrise, FL. The selling group is comprised of companies founder, Douglas J. Jacobs, who will retain a minority stake and remain as President & CEO after the transaction closes, and other individual shareholders. The acquisitions are subject to regulatory review and successful finance arrangements.

Florida-based AFC purchases, sells, securitizes and services retail automobile installment contracts originated by franchised and select independent dealers in approximately 40 states. Through its loan purchases, AFC serves as a source of financing for more than 4,000 dealerships, providing financing to consumers indirectly.

Mitsui, a diversified global trading, investment and service company, has considerable experience in automotive-related businesses worldwide, including logistics, assembly, distribution, dealerships, automotive parts and retail finance. These acquisitions are intended to enhance Mitsui's automobile value chain in the U.S.

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