

MITSUI & CO LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Mitsui to Expand Capacity at Western Australian Iron Ore

Joint Ventures with BHP Billiton

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March 23, 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: March 23, 2007

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

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

March 23, 2007

For immediate release:

To Whom It May Concern

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

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Tokyo, March 23, 2007 Mitsui & Co., Ltd.(Mitsui) announced today that it will spend approximately A\$190 million (17 billion yen) through its Australian subsidiaries to increase the capacity of iron ore operations in Western Australia, jointly operated with BHP Billiton and Itochu Corporation, to 155 million tons per annum (Mtpa).

Staged expansion program has been implemented to comply with strong global demand for iron ore, and the capacity expansion to 129 Mtpa is currently underway. The announced expansion today is to further increase the capacity by 26 million Mtpa to 155 Mtpa, mainly by enhancing Mt. Newman operation. The initial production is expected to commence in the first half of CY2010. The capital expenditure for the expansion will total approximately A\$2.7 billion (250 billion yen).

Mitsui is engaged in the business through three iron ore joint ventures, namely, Mt. Newman, Yandi and Mt. Goldsworthy. The participating interests of BHP Billiton, Itochu and Mitsui in these joint ventures are 85%, 8% and 7%, respectively.

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