

MITSUI & CO LTD  
Form 6-K  
May 22, 2007

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**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Mitsui to Purchase Additional Shares in Mitsui Chemicals**

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

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of May 22, 2007**

**Commission File Number 09929**

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**Mitsui & Co., Ltd.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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**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 22, 2007

**ITSUI & CO., LTD.**

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

May 22, 2007

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

For immediate release

To whom it may concern

**Mitsui to Purchase Additional Shares in Mitsui Chemicals**

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ( Mitsui ) announced today that it has purchased additional shares in Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. ( Mitsui Chemicals ) with following details.

|                                          |                                             |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Number of shares additionally purchased: | 16,000,000 shares                           |
| Purchase amount:                         | ¥16.1 billion                               |
| Shareholding ratio:                      | As of Dec. 31, 2006 18,740,390 shares 2.37% |
|                                          | As of May 21, 2007 34,740,390 shares 4.39%  |

Mitsui considers Mitsui Chemicals to be one of the most important strategic partners in the chemical industry. With the acquisition of additional shares, Mitsui aims to further strengthen its relationship with Mitsui Chemicals, reinforcing strategic partnership with the company in various areas, including but not only Petrochemicals, Basic Chemicals, Performance Polymer Materials, and Performance Chemicals and Engineering Materials, which the company considers as their core businesses. Joint studies on various projects and/or business collaboration shall be included in the scope of the deal.

Headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, Mitsui Chemicals is one of the diversified chemical company in Japan with offices in Europe, China, Korea, Southeast Asia and America. As a worldwide leader in the chemical industry, the company is actively engaged in numerous industry segments including Petrochemicals, Basic Chemicals, Performance Polymer Materials, and Performance Chemicals and Engineering Materials.

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