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> FORM 6-K SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

SAKHALIN II PROJECT

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of July 15, 2005

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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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: July 15, 2005

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Kazuya Imai

Name: Kazuya Imai

Title: Senior Executive Managing Officer

Chief Financial Officer

July 15, 2005 Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

For immediate release To whom it may concern

Sakhalin II Project

This is to inform you that Mitsui & Co., Ltd. has received an interim report addressed to shareholders from Sakhalin Energy Investment Co., Ltd. (head office: Sakhalin Oblast, the Russian Federation), which is a joint venture between three partners - Mitsui & Co., Ltd., Royal Dutch / Shell Group, and Mitsubishi Corporation - relating to the possibility of changes to the total budget for the development plan for Phase 2 of the Sakhalin II Project, as well as the scheduled timing for the first delivery of LNG. We must wait on the results of the detailed analysis for the actual budget and timing, but if there are to be any changes, there is the possibility that the total budget for the project could be of the order of 20 billion U.S. dollars and the first delivery of LNG would take place in mid 2008. Originally, the total budget for the Phase 2 development was expected to be approximately 10 billion U.S. dollars, with the first delivery of LNG expected to take place in 2007.

The possible changes to the total budget and schedule for the start of LNG delivery are based on an interim report and Sakhalin Energy Investment Co., Ltd. will be carrying out further analysis before officially reporting to the shareholders, after which the shareholders will begin deliberating on these matters.

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