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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Mitsui to sell the whole shares in Kokusai Oil & Chemical Co., Ltd.

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May 27, 2008

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 27, 2008

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Junichi Matsumoto
Name: Junichi Matsumoto
Title: Executive Director
Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer

May 27, 2008

For Immediate Release:

To Whom It May Concern

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

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Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui) announced today that it has signed an agreement with San-ai Oil Co., Ltd. (San-ai) to sell the whole shares in Kokusai Oil & Chemical Co., Ltd. (KOC), a 100% subsidiary engaged in sales of oil products. The transaction is scheduled to be completed in July 2008.

Mitsui recognizes that the transfer of KOC s share to San-ai is the best measure to enhance its operational efficiency in the highly competitive oil sales industry in Japan.

Mitsui expects that the influence on the consolidated financial results by this transaction will be insignificant.

Outline of KOC

Company Name KOKUSAI OIL & CHEMICAL CO., LTD.

Address 2-7-1, Higashi-Nihombashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan

President Tomonobu Yamashita
Foundation September 25, 1953

Capital \$ \$ 100 million (as of March 31, 2007) Net Worth \$ \$ 1,988 million (as of March 31, 2007) Total Asset \$ \$ 26,658 million (as of March 31, 2007)

Sales ¥ 239,101 million (fiscal 2007)

Number of Employee 263 (as of April 1, 2007)

Principal Lines of Business 1. Sale of oil and oil-related products

2. Service station operation

3. Real estate lease

Shareholder Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (100%)

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