

MITSUI & CO LTD  
Form 6-K  
August 26, 2008

## **FORM 6-K**

### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Mitsui to Acquire Additional Shares in Sims Group Limited**

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

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of August 26, 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: August 26, 2008

**MITSUI & CO., LTD.**

By: /s/ Junichi Matsumoto

Name: Junichi Matsumoto

Title: Executive Director

Executive Vice President

Chief Financial Officer

August 26, 2008

For Immediate Release

To Whom It May Concern

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

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Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ( Mitsui ) announced that its wholly owned subsidiary in Sydney, Mitsui Raw Materials Development Pty. Ltd. ( MRMD ), has acquired an additional 3.2% of the issued ordinary shares of Sims Group Limited ( Sims ), headquartered in Sydney, for approximately A\$198 million (approximately 18.9 billion yen) through the Australian Stock Exchange. Sims is the world largest recycling company, with metal scrap as its core business.

In June 2007, MRMD acquired 19.9% of the issued ordinary shares and subsequently acquired the further shares. Then, in March 2008, Sims acquired and merged with Metal Management Inc., the second largest US metal scrap recycling company, headquartered in Chicago, through share exchange. As a result of the merger, MRMD s ownership in Sims was diluted to 16.0%.

After the share acquisition this time, MRMD holds a 19.2% ownership in Sims, with an accumulated investment amount of approximately A\$897million (approximately 89.4 billion yen). MRMD is the largest shareholder of Sims and has nominated 2 directors to the board of directors of Sims.

Mitsui recognizes scrap recycling as an industrial solution to environmental problems and has set recycling business as one of its key strategic business activities. Mitsui expects to enhance this business through this acquisition.

**Outline of Sims**

Sims is the world s leading metal recycler, with 235 sites across four continents. For more information, please visit their URL at <http://www.sims-group.com>.

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