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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Mitsui acquires solar marine salt field in Western Australia

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of June 2, 2006

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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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: June 2, 2006

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Kazuya Imai

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

June 2, 2006

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

For Immediate Release

To Whom It May Concern

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Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui) has reached an agreement with Akzo Nobel N.V. (Akzo , registered in the Netherlands) to purchase its entire interest in Onslow Salt Pty Ltd (Onslow , registered in Western Australia), and has signed a Share Sales Agreement (SSA). Akzo has a 87.3% interest in Onslow via Salt Asia Holdings Pty Ltd. Mitsui will assume management control of Onslow once the conditions set forth in the SSA have been fulfilled. The total amount for this acquisition is expected to be approximately A\$150 million.

Onslow operates a solar marine salt field with annual production capacity of 2.5 million tons of salt at Onslow town, approximately 1,300km north of Perth in Western Australia. Mitsui is also the 100% owner of Shark Bay Salt Joint Venture (Shark Bay Salt) with annual production capacity of 1.3 million tons at Shark Bay, approximately 800km north of Perth. On completion of the Onslow acquisition, Mitsui will therefore have management control of a total annual salt production capacity of 3.8 million tons.

The biggest application for salt is as raw material in the chlor-alkali industry, and with rapidly rising demand from China putting pressure on supply/demand balance, Mitsui intends to supply salt from Onslow for use by this industry in Japan and other Asian countries.

Mitsui intends to take an efficient, unified management approach to the two salt fields, strengthening its position as a stable, comprehensive supplier of salt to the chlor-alkali industry and food manufacturing industry and actively developing its salt business operations in Asia.

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