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Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Sakhalin Energy Signing of project finance contract

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of June 16, 2008

Commission File Number 09929

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(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: June 16, 2008

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

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

June 16, 2008

For Immediate Release:

To Whom It May Concern

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

Sakhalin Energy - Signing of project finance contract

Sakhalin Energy Investment Company Ltd. (Sakhalin Energy), a company jointly owned by OAO Gazprom (Gazprom), Royal Dutch Shell plc (Shell), Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui) and Mitsubishi Corporation (Mitsubishi) with Mitsui holding a 12.5% stake, signed today a US\$5.3 billion project finance contract with the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and a consortium of international banks.

JBIC is planned to provide US\$3.7 billion whilst the consortium of international banks will contribute an additional US\$1.6 billion to Sakhalin Energy. The funds will finance the construction, testing and commissioning of Sakhalin II, Phase 2, which will soon start delivering liquefied natural gas (LNG) to customers in Japan, Korea and the North American west coast.

The four shareholders of Sakhalin Energy, including Mitsui, signed a sponsor guarantee contract providing guarantees for the loan until the completion of the project.

Mitsui, as a shareholder of Sakhalin Energy, regards the signing of this project finance contract as a significant milestone of the Sakhalin II project, and will continue to support the project towards the commencement of LNG supply.

Attachment : Outline of Sakhalin II project

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[Attachment]

Sakhalin II project

Sakhalin is a new world-class oil and gas province, with estimated resources of some 45 billion barrels oil equivalent (boe). Sakhalin II is the largest integrated oil and gas project in the world, with total resources of some 4 billion boe.

Sakhalin Energy Investment Company Ltd is the investor and operator of the Sakhalin II Project. Shareholders of the company are OAO Gazprom (50%+1 share), Royal Dutch Shell plc (27.5%-1 share), Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (12.5%) and Mitsubishi Corporation (10%). Sakhalin II today has production capacity of 90,000 boe per day of oil during the production season. The subsequent phase of the development will take the production capacity of oil to 150,000 boe per day, and at the same time enable 9.6 million tones per year of LNG production. Sakhalin Energy is aiming to complete the main construction and commence LNG Plant start-up before end of 2008. LNG export is expected to start shortly thereafter. First year round oil production and export is currently planned to start in the second half of 2008.

The second phase of the project is over 90% complete. The planned LNG production has been sold under contract to customers across the Asia-Pacific region.

Sakhalin II includes the following elements:

Offshore production facilities including the Molikpaq platform (PA-A), the new PA-B and Lun-A platforms and some 300 km of offshore pipelines;

An onshore processing facility to take the gas and crude oil from both fields;

Two 800 km of onshore oil and gas pipelines to the south of the island;

An oil export facility capable of year-round operation;

The first LNG plant and associated export facilities built in Russia;

Island infrastructure upgrades, such as roads, bridges, rail, port, airport, and medical facility upgrades.