

MITSUI & CO LTD
Form 6-K
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Mitsui & Co. announces Strategic Alliance with Central Finance, Sumitomo

Mitsui Financial Group in Consumer Finance Business

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April 27, 2007

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: April 27, 2007

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Kazuya Imai
Name: Kazuya Imai
Title: Executive Director
Executive Vice President

Chief Financial Officer

April 27, 2007

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

For immediate release

To whom it may concern

RE: Mitsui & Co. announces Strategic Alliance with Central Finance, Sumitomo Mitsui FinancialGroup in Consumer Finance Business

Today, Mitsui & Co. Ltd. (Mitsui) agreed to enter into a strategic alliance in consumer finance business with Central Finance Co., Ltd. (CF , TSE 8588), Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG , TSE 8316), and related subsidiary and affiliated companies (Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC); Sumitomo Mitsui Card Co., Ltd. (Sumitomo Mitsui Card) and Quoq, Inc. (Quoq)).

Under this agreement, each of the companies will collaborate to develop high-quality products and services to fulfill the needs of customers, utilizing knowledge and expertise that each company has established.

At the same time, CF will issue new shares and convertible bonds to SMFG, SMBC and Mitsui amounting approximately 7.7 billion yen, 11.7 billion yen and 19.3 billion yen respectively. After the transaction, Mitsui will own 10% of CF s total issued shares and retain an option to increase its share to 20% on a fully diluted basis.

Conditions of acquisition

Common stock to be issued by CF

(1) Number of Shares	31,638,000 shares (common stock)
(2) Price	607 yen per share
(3) Total amount	19,204,266,000 yen
(4) Payment date	May 14, 2007
(5) Number of shares currently held by Mitsui	Nil
(6) Number of shares Mitsui will hold after acquisition	12,706,000 shares
	(10% of total issued shares as of May 14, 2007)

Convertible bond to be issued by CF

(1) Total amount	19,500,000,000yen
(2) Amount payable by Mitsui	11,600,000,000 yen
(3) Payment date	May 14, 2007

Mitsui recognizes that the business environment surrounding consumer finance business, including installment finance and credit card business, is experiencing significant change. However, with the domestic consumer spending amounting to approximately 300 trillion-yen expected to continue growing, Mitsui views the consumer finance business as a potentially promising area.

Through this strategic alliance, Mitsui intends to strengthen its financial capabilities and explore further expansion and new opportunities in consumer-related business, utilizing credit card as a part of its financial platform.

Outline of allied companies

(1) Name	Central Finance Co., Ltd.
(2) Location	Nagoya, Japan
(3) Main business	Credit card, Installment finance, Guarantee service, Collection agency service
(4) Date of establishment	Jan 28, 1960
(5) Paid-in capital	9,686 million yen (consolidate basis as of Sep 30, 2006)
(6) Stock exchange listing	Tokyo (8588)

Website: <http://www.cfweb.co.jp/> (Japanese only)

(1) Name	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group
(2) Location	Tokyo, Japan
(3) Main business	Business administration of subsidiaries and related duties
(4) Date of establishment	Dec 2, 2002
(5) Paid-in capital	1,420,877 million yen (consolidate basis as of Sep 30, 2006)
(6) Stock exchange listing	Tokyo (8316)

Website : <http://www.smfg.co.jp/english/>

(1) Name	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
(2) Location	Tokyo, Japan
(3) Main business	Consumer banking, Corporate banking, treasury markets, Investment banking
(4) Date of establishment	Jan 6, 1996
(5) Paid-in capital	664,986 million yen (as of Sep 30, 2006)
(6) Stock exchange listing	

Website: <http://www.smbc.co.jp/global/>

(1) Name	Sumitomo Mitsui Card Co., Ltd.
(2) Location	Tokyo, Japan
(3) Main business	Credit card
(4) Date of establishment	Dec 26, 1967
(5) Paid-in capital	34,000 million yen (as of Sep 30, 2006)
(6) Stock exchange listing	

Website: <http://www.smbc-card.com/> (Japanese only)

(1) Name	Quoq, Inc.
(2) Location	Tokyo, Japan
(3) Main business	Installment finance, Guarantee service, Collection agency service, Credit card
(4) Date of establishment	Apr 5, 1978
(5) Paid-in capital	1,000 million yen (as of Sep 30, 2006)
(6) Stock exchange listing	

Website: <http://www.quoq.co.jp/index.html> (Japanese only)

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