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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**MITALCO SELLS ITS MINORITY INTEREST IN INTALCO AND
EASTALCO SMELTERS IN WASHINGTON AND MARYLAND U.S.A.**

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of June 30, 2006

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Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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June 30, 2006

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

For Immediate Release

To Whom It May Concern

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SMELTERS IN WASHINGTON AND MARYLAND U.S.A.

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. announced today that one of its United States subsidiaries, Mitalco Inc., reached agreement to sell its 32 percent stake in Intalco and Eastalco aluminum smelters to Alcoa Inc. Intalco and Eastalco are located in Ferndale, Washington, and Frederick, Maryland.

The Eastalco smelter was idled in December 2005 because it could not secure a competitively priced long-term electrical power arrangement. As to the Intalco smelter, its current power contract will expire in October 2006. Taking the deterioration in power procurement conditions into account, Mitsui negotiated with Alcoa and others to sell Mitsui's interest and liabilities in both smelters, and now it has reached an agreement with Alcoa. YKK Corporation in Tokyo has also reached agreement to sell the 7 percent interest held by its United States affiliate to Alcoa.

Mitsui has previously reported impairment losses on those relevant assets, and does not expect any additional losses to be recognized in its consolidated operating results for the year ending March 2007 due to this transaction.

Mitsui regards aluminum as a very important material and expects stable demand increases worldwide. Mitsui's strategy of being aggressively involved in aluminum investments as one of its core business activities remains unchanged, and the company will continue to pursue new investment opportunities as well as to expand current investments in aluminum.

Attachment: Summary of Mitalco Inc. and Alcoa Inc.

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Summary of Mitalco Inc.

1. Name: Mitalco Inc.
2. Established: September 21, 1988
3. Shareholders: Mitsui & Co., Ltd 80%
Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc. 20%
4. Main Business Scope: Manufacturing and Marketing of Aluminum metal
5. Main Plants and Equipment :
Intalco Plant (Washington state; Annual Output Capacity, 278,000 metric tons)
Eastalco Plant (Maryland state; Annual Output Capacity, 150,000 metric tons)
Mitalco was entitled to take a maximum of 150 metric tons of aluminum metal annually when both Intalco and Eastalco plant were operating at full capacity.
6. Project Summary
Mitalco owned 32% undivided interest in Intalco and Eastalco plant respectively. Other partners: Alcoa, 61%; YKK's affiliate, Alumerica Inc., 7%.

Summary of Alcoa Inc.

Alcoa is the world's largest producer of primary aluminum, fabricated aluminum and alumina. It was founded in 1952 (Representative: Alain Belda, Chairman and CEO). It has 129,000 employees in 42 countries. Sales in 2005 amounted to \$26.2 billion. It produced 3.35 million tons of primary aluminum and 14.6 million tons of alumina. Its corporate stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and its current market value is \$27.7 billion (as of 31/May/2006).