

MITSUI & CO LTD  
Form 6-K  
October 15, 2008

## **FORM 6-K**

### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Acquisition of interest in uranium projects in South Australia**

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

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of October 15, 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: October 15, 2008

**mitsui & co., ltd.**

By: /s/ Junichi Matsumoto

Name: Junichi Matsumoto

Title: Executive Director

Executive Vice President

Chief Financial Officer

October 15, 2008

For Immediate Release

To Whom It May Concern

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

**Acquisition of interest in uranium projects in South Australia**

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Head office: Tokyo, Japan, CEO: Shoei Utsuda) has decided to acquire the interests in six uranium deposits held by Uranium One Inc. (Head office: Vancouver, Canada, CEO: Jean Nortier), which include the Honeymoon uranium project located in the State of South Australia, Australia, and signed the sale and purchase agreement and the joint venture agreement for joint development of those projects with the company. The total amount of development investment which Mitsui will bear regarding this business and purchase price of the interest is estimated to be A\$104 million (approximately 7.3 billion yen).

While the uranium assets which Mitsui acquires through this transaction are still undeveloped, the Honeymoon project has already obtained the mining license and construction work on it has been started. The commencement of commercial production at the Honeymoon project is expected sometime from the end of 2009 to 2010, and its annual production will be about 400tU<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> with a production period of 6 years.

The development expenditure of Honeymoon project will be borne by Uranium One and Mitsui in proportion with each respective JV share (Uranium One: 51%, Mitsui: 49%).

As for other projects, Uranium One and Mitsui will jointly conduct exploration activities and elaborate a detailed business plan.

The sale and purchase agreement and joint venture agreement are conditional upon statutory approval by the relevant Australian governmental authorities. Uranium One and Mitsui are targeting to complete the deal within this year.

This investment is the first uranium project for Mitsui. Mitsui has long experiences in the area of developing overseas energy resources such as oil, LNG and coal and so forth. In terms of uranium resources as fuel for nuclear power generation, Mitsui will continue to investigate any investment opportunities around the world in view of contributing to security of energy supply on a global basis.

Attachment: Location of the projects  
Overview of Uranium One

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This press release is published in order to publicly announce specific facts stated above, and does not constitute a solicitation of investments or any similar act inside or outside of Japan, regarding the shares, bonds or other securities issued by us.

**Location of the projects**

<South Australia / closeup of southern part>

**Overview of Uranium One**

Uranium One, listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange in South Africa, is an international uranium producing company with attributable uranium production in 2007 of approximately 900tU<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, thereby ranking as one of the 10 largest uranium producers in the world. Uranium One has assets in Australia, North America and Kazakhstan and South Africa.