

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

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# **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

### **Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Execution of an agreement between KOKUBU & CO., LTD. and**

**MITSUI FOODS CO., LTD. to form a business alliance**

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

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of April 3, 2006**

**Commission File Number 09929**

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## **Mitsui & Co., Ltd.**

**(Translation of registrant's name into English)**

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**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 3, 2006

**ITSUI & CO., LTD.**

By: /s/ Kazuya Imai

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Name: Kazuya Imai

Title: Executive Director

Senior Executive Managing Officer

Chief Financial Officer

April 3, 2006

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Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

**Execution of an agreement between KOKUBU & CO., LTD. and MITSUI FOODS CO., LTD. to form a business alliance**

KOKUBU & CO., LTD. (KOKUBU), a leading Japanese food wholesaler, and MITSUI FOODS CO., LTD. (MITSUI FOODS) have agreed in principle to form a business alliance which includes KOKUBU's support for improvement of management and operations of MITSUI FOODS and co-work in product categories to be reinforced by both companies. MITSUI & CO., LTD (Mitsui), parent company of MITSUI FOODS, has promised full cooperation with their alliance. Detailed information is as follows.

1. Background

Each of KOKUBU and MITSUI FOODS has been working to strengthen its full-line services provided to customers nationwide, as a wholesaler of food and liquor.

Based on a request from Mitsui and MITSUI FOODS, KOKUBU and MITSUI FOODS have entered into an agreement to form a business alliance which includes KOKUBU furnishing support and guidance for the management and operations of MITSUI FOODS in order to improve the business functions and performance of MITSUI FOODS, and both companies co-working in the product categories to be reinforced, aiming at providing better service to customers.

2. Outline of the business alliance

- 1) Based on the request from Mitsui and MITSUI FOODS, KOKUBU furnishes support and guidance for the management and operations of MITSUI FOODS, including seconding staff, in order to improve the business functions and performance of MITSUI FOODS.
- 2) KOKUBU and MITSUI FOODS co-work in the product categories which need to be reinforced, such as foodstuffs for the prepared-food and food-service industries, frozen and chilled foods, dry foods, confectioneries and pet care products.
- 3) KOKUBU and MITSUI FOODS jointly conduct logistics in various areas of the country.

KOKUBU and MITSUI FOODS will form a project team to develop a definitive action plan for each product category, viewing the possibility of forming joint ventures in some business fields, in order to pursue greater synergies. Mitsui will extend full cooperation to their alliance, based upon the long standing business relationship with KOKUBU.

This business alliance does not involve any definitive plan for capital affiliation between KOKUBU and MITSUI FOODS.

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