

MITSUI & CO LTD
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Acquisition of the Saltend power plant in the U.K. from Calpine Corporation

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of May 31, 2005

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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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: May 31, 2005

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Kazuya Imai
Name: Kazuya Imai
Title: Senior Executive Managing Officer
Chief Financial Officer

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31st May, 2005
Mitsui & Co., Ltd

For Immediate Release
To whom it may concern

Acquisition of the Saltend power plant in the U.K. from Calpine Corporation

On 28th May (Sat), 2005, Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui), in partnership with International Power plc. (International Power) (one of the largest electric utility companies in the U.K.), signed a contract in London, U.K., for the acquisition of Saltend thermal power plant (Saltend Power Plant), a highly efficient 1,200 MW large-sized gas fired combined cycle power station, with Calpine Corporation, one of the largest power generating companies in the U.S.A. Mitsui's ownership share is 30% (360 MW), and the remaining share is owned by International Power. The total acquisition price is approximately GBP 490 million (¥965 billion), of which approximately GBP 215 million (¥423 billion) is an investment by Mitsui and International Power, of which Mitsui's share is estimated to be approximately GBP 65 million (¥128 billion). The remaining approximately GBP 275 million (¥542 billion) is expected to be procured through project finance arranged by commercial lenders.

Mitsui, together with International Power, completed the acquisition of an overseas power plant portfolio from Edison Mission Energy (U.S.A.) last year and are operating First Hydro power station (2,088 MW) and Derwent gas-fired combined cycle power station (214 MW) in the U.K. The U.K. Markets mostly based on bilateral contracts are well established in the field of the electricity market in the U.K. From close cooperation with International Power, which has significant market know-how based on many years of experience in the U.K. market, we expect synergy effects between Saltend Power Plant and existing power plants in the U.K. from the viewpoint of operation and management of portfolio assets and think that that will much contribute much to enhancing the value of power plants in the U.K.

In view of increasing concern in the U.K. about clean energy, we regard the Saltend Power Plant, which is an environment friendly and highly efficient thermal power plant, as a significant acquisition. Mitsui regards the U.K. market as a continually important one for Mitsui and intends to establish electrical supply chains in emerging electrical power business fields by participating in related business, such as sales of electricity and procurement of fuels.

In addition, Mitsui's share of generation capacity including Saltend Power Plant has raised to 3,200 MW, making Mitsui one of the leading IPPs (independent power producers) in Asia.

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1. Summary

Description of Business	:	Sales of electricity in the U.K. Market until 2040
Generation Capacity	:	Gas-fired combined cycle 1,200 MW
Operation Date	:	November, 2000
Project Sight	:	Northeastern region of the U.K. (Area: Hull)
Total Acquisition Cost	:	Approx. £490 mil (¥96.5 bil)
Debt/Equity Structure	:	Equity approx. £215mil (¥42.3bil)
	:	Project Finance approx. £275mil (¥54.2bil)
Shareholders	:	Mitsui & Co., Ltd. 30% approx. £65mil (¥12.8bil)
	:	International Power 70% approx. £150mil (¥29.5bil)
Site Map	:	

2. Acquisition Structure

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3. Electricity Market in the U.K.

Total generating capacity is approx. 79,000 MW (a third of Japan's). Total capacity consists of gas-fired thermal (35%), coal-fired thermal (35%), nuclear (15%) and others (oil, hydro, etc) (15%).

Bilateral dealing markets are well established in the field of merchant sales of electricity.

Total demand of electricity is expected to grow by 1-2% p.a.

As concern about the environment increases and regulations on environmental load become strict, it will be difficult to construct new power plants. On the other hand, sources of renewable energy, such as offshore wind farms, are actively being installed.

4. Overview of Partner International Power

As one of the largest IPP companies in the U.K., their total capacity is 17,400 MW (Mar, 2005).

International Power was established in 2000 as a result of the privatization and splitting up of the CEGB (Central Electricity Generating Board).

Turnover in 2004FY was GBP 768 million.

5. Overview of Seller Calpine Corporation

As one of the largest IPP companies in the U.S., their total capacity is 26,700 MW (Mar, 2005).

They were established in 1984.

Turnover in 2004FY was USD 9,230 million.

6. Our Power Generation Assets in the U.K.

Gross Generating Capacity: 3,502MW

Net Generating Capacity: 1,058MW

7. Our Power Generation Portfolio (Total: approx. 3,200 MW)

Mitsui's Portfolio by Region

Mitsui's Portfolio by Fuel