# **Editorial Policy**

# What We Aim to Communicate in This Report

Mitsui & Co. defines practice of CSR as contribution to the development of a sustainable society by creating new value through business activities that lead to the solution of various issues confronting contemporary society.

In the year ended March 2015, we identified five CSR material issues. For a better understanding of the Mitsui approach to CSR, our Sustainability Report 2015 provides numerous specific examples of activities addressing these material issues in the seven Key Strategic Domains defined under the New Medium-term Management Plan ("Challenge & Innovation for 2020—Demonstrating Mitsui Premium").

The Sustainability Report is an important communication tool for informing stakeholders about our CSR policy and activities. We look forward to receiving opinions and comments from readers via the Sustainability Report "Questionnaire" on our website. We will use your feedback as a reference for continuous improvement of our initiatives toward the realization of a better society.

CSR information on our website is updated on a timely basis, and it is also published in PDF format as our annual Sustainability Report, gathering together the wide-range of CSR information on our website's CSR pages. Part of this CSR information is also included in our Annual Report so that you can understand our overall activities as well as our financial information.

#### Scope of Coverage in the Sustainability Report:

Mitsui & Co., Ltd., and major consolidated subsidiaries and associated companies. The scope of coverage for numerical data is provided individually in appended notes.

#### **Period Covered:**

Mainly the fiscal year from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

#### **Publication Date:**

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#### **Reference Guidelines**

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Sustainability Reporting Guidelines Version 3.

For a comparison of the GRI guidelines and the content of Mitsui's report, please visit the following website: (www.mitsui.com/jp/en/csr/gri\_index/)

Environmental Accounting Guidelines (2005 version) established by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan ISO 26000 (Guidance on Social Responsibility)

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### A Cautionary Note on Forward-Looking Statements

This Sustainability Report contains statements (including figures) regarding Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ("Mitsui," "Mitsui & Co.," "Company")'s corporate strategies, objectives and views of future developments that are forward-looking in nature and are not simply reiterations of historical facts. These statements are presented to inform stakeholders of the views of Mitsui's management but should not be relied on solely in making investment and other decisions. You should be aware that a number of important risk factors could lead to outcomes that differ materially from those presented in such forward-looking statements. These include, but are not limited to: (i) changes in economic conditions that may lead to unforeseen developments in markets for products handled by Mitsui, (ii) fluctuations in currency exchange rates that may cause unexpected deterioration in the value of transactions, (iii) adverse political developments that may create unavoidable delays or postponement of transactions and projects, (iv) changes in laws, regulations or policies in any of the countries where Mitsui conducts its operations that may affect Mitsui's ability to fulfill its commitments, and (v) significant changes in the competitive environment. In the course of its operations, Mitsui adopts measures to control these and other typesof risks, but this does not constitute a guarantee that such measures will be effective.