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Editorial Policy

Mitsui & Co. believes companies can only be sustainable if the societies they operate in are sustainable, and unsustainable companies cannot fulfill their social responsibilities.

In recent years, there has been growing interest in the United Nations' "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs) and in "Environmental, Social, and Governance" (ESG) investing. Under these circumstances, we consider it important to send a clearer message about Mitsui's unchanging commitment to the creation of new value for society through our business activities and our continual pursuit of the mutual sustainability of society and our company. Accordingly, we have replaced the word "CSR" used in the context of Mitsui's activities with "sustainability".*

As an annual report for communicating detailed ESG information, the PDF version of our "Sustainability Report 2017" emphasizes comprehensiveness and continuity in regard to our approach to materiality, and reports on activities undertaken in accordance with Mitsui's Materiality ("materiality") At the same time, in "Strategic Focus" and in "Activities for FY Ended March 2017", the report gives clear examples of how we are generating new value that provides solutions to societal issues.

On our website, we focus on ensuring convenient browsability and searchability of information related to sustainability, and we have posted our list of policies, guidelines, and data, as well as a GRI guidelines comparison chart. Our website also provides details of our social contribution activities to complement the information contained in the PDF version of the "Sustainability Report 2017".

* No changes have been made to Basic CSR Policy, Supply Chain CSR Policy, names of employee-awareness raising tools, and other related materials.



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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 types of risks, but this does not constitute a quarantee that such measures will be effective.

• Scope of Coverage in the Sustainability Report:

Mitsui 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, 2016 to March 31, 2017, but also including some information about policies and activities for the fiscal year ending March 2018.

Independent Practitioner's Assurance

The " \bigstar " logo indicates that the sustainability information concerned has been given limited assurance, for the purpose of increasing its reliability, by Deloitte Tohmatsu Sustainability Co., Ltd. in its independent practitioner's assurance report.

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• Reference Guidelines

GRI G4 Sustainability Reporting Guidelines, 2013



GRI Guidelines Comparison Chart

Environmental Accounting Guidelines (2005 version) established by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan

ISO 26000 (Guidance on Social Responsibility)

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