Socially responsible investment involves the selection of investment targets through the evaluation of corporations based on conventional financial analyses and investment standards, as well as on how well they fulfill their social and environmental responsibilities. Mitsui has been selected for inclusion in two global SRI indexes — the FTSE4Good Global Index and the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World).

The FTSE4Good Global Index is a stock index developed by FTSE, which was established by the Financial Times in the U.K. and the London Stock Exchange. FTSE investigates the social, environmental, and ethical aspects of approximately 2,000 major corporations from various countries around the world, including the labor standards applied throughout their supply chains, and evaluates their corporate sustainability. Based on such investigations, FTSE selects only those companies that satisfy its standards. So far, 730 companies have been selected globally, including Mitsui and 181 other Japanese companies (as of March 26, 2012).

The Dow Jones Sustainability World Index is a global stock index developed jointly by Dow Jones & Company in the U.S. and Sustainable Asset Management AG (SAM) in Switzerland. It evaluates the corporate social responsibility of approximately 2,500 major corporations from different countries around the world in terms of their social, environmental, and economic performance, selecting the top 10% of these corporations for inclusion. Globally, 433 companies have so far been selected, including Mitsui and 34 other Japanese companies (as of March 31, 2012).