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).

FTSE4Good Global Index

The FTSE4Good Global Index is a stock index developed by FTSE, which is a solely owned subsidiary of the London Stock Exchange. FTSE investigates the social, environmental, and ethical aspects of approximately 2,400 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, 721 companies have been selected globally, with 179 Japanese companies including Mitsui (as of May 23, 2013).

Dow Jones Sustainability World Index

The Dow Jones Sustainability World Index is a global stock index developed jointly by Dow Jones & Company in the U.S. and RobecoSAM 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, 340 companies have so far been selected, with 20 Japanese companies including Mitsui. In addition, particularly outstanding companies are rated as gold, silver, or bronze. Mitsui is certified as one of the bronze class rated companies (as of March 31, 2013).

Awards received in the past five years

- Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2012: Received the Award of Excellence (The Third Prize) in the Sustainability Reporting Award category of Toyo Keizai Inc.'s 19th Green Reporting Award and Sustainability Reporting Awards. Received the Award of Excellence in the 2012 Key Firm of Integrity Award by Integrex Inc.
- Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2011: Received the Disclosure Award from Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2009: Received the Best IR Award from the Japan Investor Relations Association.