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.

We have added a number of features to our “Sustainability Report 2016” to help stakeholders understand our CSR philosophy and activities.

- Mitsui & Co. has identified Five CSR Material Issues as a framework for our contribution to “a future where the aspirations of the people can be fulfilled”, as stated in our corporate mission. We recognize each of these material issues to be a societal priority that relates to all of our business activities. We also verify the main risks and opportunities for Mitsui & Co. based on the effects of these societal issues, and we disclose our approach to each issue.

- Specific information about our efforts to create value that will contribute to the solution of societal issues is disclosed in “Strategic Focus” for each of the Five CSR Material Issues, and in “Activities for FY Ended March 2016”.

- We have sought to make information accessible in ways that reflect the interests of stakeholders. On our website, we present our CSR concepts and policies and other key information, such as our main activities relating to the Five CSR Material Issues, and in the PDF version of our annual “Sustainability Report 2016”, we provide more details, including the aforementioned.

Some CSR information is also included in our Annual Report so that you can understand our overall activities in conjunction with our financial information.

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 guarantee that such measures will be effective.