Editorial Policy

Through our Sustainability Report 2018 in PDF format, we intend to deliver a message that embodies our unchanging commitment to realizing a sustainable society and engaging in activities for the future. This report is designed to generate new dialogue with our stakeholders so that Mitsui continues to be recognized as an entity that creates value for society.

As an annual report for communicating detailed ESG information, the PDF version of our "Sustainability Report 2018" emphasizes comprehensiveness and continuity in regard to activities undertaken in accordance with Mitsui's Materiality ("materiality"). At the same time, in "Strategic Focus" and in "Activities for FY 2017", we have listed clear examples of how we are generating new value that provides solutions to societal issues. We also embrace the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a global standard language, and report our various materiality-related activities in the section "Activities for FY 2017".

On our website, we focus on ensuring convenient browsability and searchability of information related to sustainability, and we have posted our ESG 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 2018".

A Cautionary Note on Forward-looking Statements

This Sustainability Report contains statements (including figures) regarding the corporate strategies, objectives and views of future developments of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ("Mitsui", "Mitsui & Co.", "Company") 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 in 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.

• 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, 2017 to March 31, 2018 (FY 2017), but also including some information about policies and activities for the fiscal year ending March 2019.

• Independent Practitioner's Assurance

The "★" 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.

• Publication Date:

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Guidelines

Our Sustainability Report has been prepared in accordance with the Core option of the GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards.

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