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Form 6-K  
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FORM 6-K  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

SETTLEMENT WITH OPT-OUT PLAINTIFFS CASES RELATED TO CHOLINE CHLORIDE IN THE  
UNITED STATES

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of February 2, 2004

Commission File Number 09929

MITSUI & CO., LTD.  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

2-1, OHTEMACHI 1-CHOME CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 100-0004 JAPAN  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 2, 2004

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Tasuku Kondo

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Name: Tasuku Kondo  
Title: Executive Director  
Senior Executive Managing Officer  
Chief Financial Officer

February 2, 2004

For immediate release

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

Settlement with Opt-Out Plaintiffs Cases Related to Choline Chloride in the United States

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (the "Company"), and its wholly owned U.S. subsidiaries Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc. and Bioproducts Inc. (headquarters: Ohio, U.S.A.), which in October 2003, subject to court approval, entered into the settlement agreement for the class action antitrust lawsuit pending in the Federal District Court of the District of Columbia relating to the sales of choline chloride, an ingredient used in animal feed and pet foods, have now reached agreements for settlement with the vast majority of the plaintiffs who opted out of the class action lawsuit.

Under the terms of the agreements, Bioproducts will pay as a settlement US\$73.5 million in total (approximately Yen7.8 billion) to such opt-out plaintiffs.

The settlement amount will be reflected in the Company's consolidated results of operations for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004. However, it will not require revision of the forecast of consolidated operating results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, which is disclosed in the Company's 6-K filing for the consolidated semiannual results of the six-month period ended September 30, 2003.

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