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## FORM 6-K

## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer** 

Participation in Taganito Nickel Project in Philippine

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16** 

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of September 15, 2010

Commission File Number 09929

# Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

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(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: September 15, 2010

### MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Junichi Matsumoto
Name: Junichi Matsumoto
Title: Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer

September 15, 2010

For Immediate Release:

To Whom It May Concern

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

#### Participation in Taganito Nickel Project in Philippine

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui) announced today that Mitsui, Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (SMM) and Nickel Asia Corporation have signed an stockholders agreement under which Mitsui will participate in the Taganito Nickel Project (a total investment outlay of US\$1.3 billion) currently being promoted by SMM as per the attached joint press release.

Attachment

Stockholders Agreement Concluded on Taganito Project

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Notice:

This press release includes forward-looking statements about Mitsui. These forward-looking statements are based on the current assumptions and beliefs of Mitsui in light of the information currently available to it, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors may cause Mitsui s actual results, performance, achievements or financial position to be materially different from any future results, performance, achievements or financial position expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. The risks, uncertainties and other factors referred to above include, but are not limited to, those contained in Mitsui s latest annual report on Form 20-F, which has been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

This press release is published in order to publicly announce specific facts stated above, and does not constitute a solicitation of investments or any similar act inside or outside of Japan, regarding the shares, bonds or other securities issued by us.

Press Release

September 15, 2010

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

#### **Stockholders Agreement Concluded on Taganito Project**

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (SMM: Nobumasa Kemori, President), Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui: Masami Iijima, President and CEO) and Nickel Asia Corporation (NAC: Manuel B.Zamora, Jr., Chairman), the Philippines leading nickel mining firm, have reached an agreement under which Mitsui and NAC will participate in the Taganito Nickel Project currently being promoted by SMM in the Philippines. A stockholders agreement was concluded among the three companies on September 15. The project, which calls for a total investment outlay of US\$1.3 billion, is being executed by Taganito HPAL Nickel Corporation (THPAL: Takanori Fujimura, President), a wholly owned SMM subsidiary based in Manila. NAC and Mitsui will join SMM by investing in THPAL. Once the investment by all parties is completed, the final shareholding ratios will be SMM 62.5%, NAC 22.5%, and Mitsui 15.0%.

SMM decided to proceed with the Taganito Project in September 2009, and agreed with NAC on joint implementation of the project. Subsequent discussions were held with Mitsui concerning conditions under which it would also participate, and those discussions led to the final three-way agreement.

The Taganito Project calls for construction of a low-grade oxide ore processing plant adjacent to the Taganito Mine operated by the Philippines Taganito Mining Corporation (Gerard H. Brimo, President), a NAC subsidiary. The plant will apply high-pressure acid leaching (HPAL) technology to produce 30,000t (nickel metal equivalent) per year of nickel/cobalt mixed sulfide (nickel content: approximately 57%), an intermediate product of nickel processing.

SMM has already established mass-production of nickel/cobalt mixed sulfide based on HPAL technology under Coral Bay Nickel Corporation (CBNC: Takanori Fujimura, President), an affiliate company located in Rio Tuba, Palawan, the Philippines. Commercial production of the Coral Bay plant was started in 2005. The Taganito Project is a follow-up initiative aimed at securing further nickel resources in collaboration with Mitsui and NAC. When the Taganito operation is onstream in 2013, SMM will achieve a comprehensive capacity to produce 100,000t of nickel per year putting itself in position to become a major player in non-ferrous metals.

One of Mitsui s key strategies is expansion of resource targets in line with the company s resource interests, especially in non-ferrous metals which is an area projected to face a tight supply and demand balance on a global scale. To that end, in nickel operations Mitsui is already participating in developments such as CBNC led by SMM. Through its participation in the Taganito Project, Mitsui will expand its nickel business portfolio, further strengthen its network with excellent partners both at home and abroad, and continue its initiatives to acquire new interests.

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### **Outline of the Taganito Nickel Project**

#### 1. Location

Taganito, northern Mindanao Island, the Philippines

### 2. Products and output

Nickel/cobalt mixed sulfide, an intermediate product of nickel processing: approx. 50,000t (equivalent to 30,000t of nickel and 2,600t of cobalt) per year for 30 years.

#### 3. Raw material

Low-grade nickel oxide ore (limonite) available at Taganito and nearby mines

#### 4. Product usage

SMM will purchase the entire volume of nickel/cobalt mixed sulfide produced at the plant for use at it s Niihama Nickel Refinery (Ehime, Japan), where it will serve as raw material to produce electrolytic nickel and cobalt.

#### 5. Project schedule

September 2009: SMM decided to proceed with the project; basic agreement on joint implementation is concluded with NAC

March 2010: Started of plant construction

September 2010: SMM, NAC and Mitsui conclude a project stockholders agreement

2013: Completion of construction and commercial production

6. Outline of Nickel Asia Corporation and THPAL

#### **About Nickel Asia Corporation (NAC)**

Location of HQ Makati City, Republic of the Philippines

Representative Chairman: M.B.Zamora, Jr.

President: G.H.Brimo

Establishment 2006

Number of employees Approx. 3,200

Capital 412 million Philippines Pesos (Dec 2009)
Sales 4,687 million Philippines Pesos (2009)

Main Businesses NAC is the largest nickel mining group in Philippines, and the group produce around 55% of nickel ore mined in

the country, through affiliate companies such as Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corp. and Taganito Mining Corp.

### **About Taganito HPAL Nickel Corporation (THPAL)**

Location of HQ Makati City, Republic of the Philippines

Representative President: Takanori Fujimura

Establishment 2008

Capital 5.4 million Philippines Pesos (Dec 2009)

Shareholders SMM: 62.5%, NAC: 22.5%, Mitsui: 15% (after capital increase)

Main Businesses Produce 30,000t (nickel metal equivalent) per year in the form of MS (nickel/cobalt mixed sulfide, approximately

57% nickel), an intermediate product of nickel processing, from low grade oxide ores by utilizing HPAL

(high-pressure acid leaching) technology.

#### 7. Chart of Taganito Project relations

t>10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

 $(Instr.\ 4) Code V(A)(D) Date\ Exercisable Expiration\ Date Title Amount\ or\ Number\ of\ Shares$ 

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/ BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER 100 N. TRYON STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28255		X		
MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NORTH TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10080		X		

## **Signatures**

Bank of America Corporation, By: /s/ Beth Dorfman, Authorized Signatory 03/18/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, By: /s/ Lawrence Emerson, Title: 03/18/2011

Attorney-In-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

#### Remarks:

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**MISO** 

Transaction agreements contingent on Entergy receiving approval to join an acceptable RTO 5

Reporting Owners 8

Key operating earnings drivers

Higher net income due to higher rate base and AFUDC at our operating companies

Partially offset by:

Lower revenues associated with the amortization of the ITC*Transmission* rate freeze revenue deferral which expired in May 2011 and Lower G&A expenses in first quarter of 2011 due to recognition of a

regulatory asset associated with the Kansas V-Plan Project, which did not

reoccur in first quarter 2012

First Quarter 2012 Financial Results

**EARNINGS & DRIVERS** 

Reported Diluted EPS

\$ 0.88 \$ 0.81

\$ 0.07

THREE MONTHS ENDED

MARCH 31,

2012

2011

Operating Diluted EPS\* \$ 0.81

\$ 0.93

\$ 0.12

**Pre-Tax Entergy Transaction Expenses** 

\$ 0.08

N/A

\$ 0.08

Income Taxes on Adjustments

(\$ 0.03)N/A

(\$ 0.03)

Increase /

(Decrease)

Non-GAAP measure, reconciliation of reported net income to operating earnings provided on slide 12

Continued success in executing capital investment plans remains primary driver of financial performance

Invested \$203.0 million in capital projects at operating companies in

the three month period ended March 31, 2012

Relatively mild weather this winter allowed for strong start on our capital plans for 2012, positions us well to meet our overall goals and objectives for the full year Financial Results CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

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**ITC***Transmission* 

\$41.1

**METC** 

39.8

ITC Midwest

92.4

ITC Great Plains

29.7

**TOTAL** 

\$

203.0

FIRST QUARTER 2012 -

**CAPITAL INVESTMENTS** 

Financial Results 2012 GUIDANCE

Reaffirming 2012 operating EPS guidance of

\$3.90
to
\$4.05,
which
excludes
expenses
associated with the Entergy transaction
Also reaffirming 2012 capital investment guidance of \$730 to \$830 million
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ITCTransmission
\$ 185 -
\$ 210
METC
155 -
180
ITC Midwest
295 -
325
ITC Great Plains
95 -
115
TOTAL
\$
730 -
\$ 830
2012 GUIDANCE -

**CAPITAL INVESTMENTS** 

Financing activities for remainder of 2012:
Refinancing of ITC Midwest revolvers in first half of 2012
Additional fixed debt at ITC Holdings and METC in the second half of 2012
Liquidity position remains quite robust; continues to be supported by revolving credit facility capacity
Financial Results
CAPITALIZATION & LIQUIDITY

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Total

Revolver

Capacity

Revolver

Capacity

Outstanding

Undrawn

Revolver

Capacity

**ITC Holdings** 

\$ 200.0

\$ 101.5

\$ 98.5

**ITC***Transmission* 

100.0

31.8

68.2

**METC** 

100.0

46.7

53.3

ITC Midwest

116.0 24.5

91.5

ITC Great Plains

150.0

70.3

79.7

**TOTAL** 

\$ 666.0

\$ 274.8

\$ 391.2

Cash on Hand

23.1

TOTAL LIQUIDITY

\$ 414.3

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Five-Year Capital Plan
KEY PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS
200 mile, 345kV line; ITC s
portion is ~120 miles
~\$300 million
140 mile, 345kV line; four

new substations ~\$510 million Received siting approval in February 2011; commencing construction on first 62 miles, ROW acquisition remains underway as well Phase 1 in late 2013 and Phase 2 in 2015 225 mile, 345kV line; ITC s portion is ~174 miles ~\$160 million Completed ROW acquisition in early 2011, project well into construction Phase 1 mid-2012, Phase 2 Late 2012 Received siting approval in July 2011; pre-construction activities / ROW acquisition underway Late 2014 18 miles, 345kV line and new substation ~\$37 million Project construction close to completion Mid-2012 Portions of four MVP projects located within Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin & Missouri In excess of \$600 million Received MISO approval in December 2011, next steps include routing studies to support siting applications To Be Determined



Questions?

Reported Net Income
\$ 46,051 \$ 42,002 \$ 4,049
THREE MONTHS ENDED
MARCH 31,
2012
2011
Operating Earnings\*
\$ 48,580 \$ 42,002 \$ 6,578

Pre-Tax Entergy Transaction Expenses 3,863

N/A 3,863

Income Taxes on Adjustments

(1,334) N/A (1,334)

Increase / (Decrease)

Non-GAAP Measures

NET INCOME RECONCILIATION

(\$ in Thousands)

\* Non-GAAP measure

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