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

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PURCHASE OF SHARES OF ITO-YOKADO GROUP COMPANIES IN THE
MARKET

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

For the month of July 28 , 2005

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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under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Yes No X
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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: July 28, 2005

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Kazuya Imai

 Name: Kazuya Imai
 Title: Senior Executive Managing Officer
 Chief Financial Officer

July 28, 2005

To whom it may concern

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PURCHASE OF SHARES OF ITO-YOKADO GROUP COMPANIES IN THE MARKET

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ("Mitsui") announced today that through the purchase of shares in the market it had effectively reached its planned purchase target of shares of certain Ito-Yokado Group ("IY Group") companies. Mitsui began purchasing these shares in April 2005 when the share prices of the companies declined sharply to historically low levels, with the aim of strengthening existing ties with IY Group and becoming one of the top 10 shareholders in a new holding company of IY Group, Seven & I Holdings Co., Ltd., which is scheduled to be established on September 1, 2005. As of July 27, Mitsui held shares as follows.

| Name of IY Group company ----- | Number of shares held ----- | % of total shares outstanding ----- | Purchase ----- |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd. | 2,717,400 shares | 0.65% | 10 billion |
| Seven-Eleven Japan Co., Ltd. | 11,461,200 shares | 1.39% | 35 billion |

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IY Group is a core business partner of Mitsui in consumer products and services businesses. Based on a comprehensive business alliance, Mitsui is engaged in a wide range of activities with IY Group, including sales and logistics services for foodstuffs, processed foods and packages as well as collaborative development of new businesses in Japan and overseas such as the development and management of shopping malls and shopping centers. Mitsui believes that the development of this business alliance and expansion of activities with IY Group will contribute to further mutual growth.

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