

MITSUI & CO LTD
Form 6-K
December 18, 2008

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Acquisition of Preferred Securities issued by an overseas special
purpose subsidiary owned by Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.**

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December 18, 2008

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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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: December 18, 2008

ITSUI & CO., LTD.

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

December 18, 2008

For Immediate Release:

To Whom It May Concern

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

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Mitsui has acquired non-cumulative perpetual preferred securities (Preferred Securities) newly issued by SMFG Preferred Capital JPY 2 Limited, an overseas special purpose subsidiary wholly-owned by Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc. (SMFG), on December 18, 2008 in the following manner:

Issuer	SMFG Preferred Capital JPY 2 Limited
Type of Security	Japanese yen denominated Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Securities
Total Issue Amount	JPY 538.2 billion
No. of securities acquired	100 units of Series D preferred securities

Acquisition amount JPY 10 billion

Mitsui considers Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), a consolidated subsidiary of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc., to be one of the most important banks with a long term historical business relationship. Mitsui believes this acquisition will contribute to enhance financial ground of both SMFG and SMBC, enabling Mitsui to strengthen the relationship with them.

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