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Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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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: August 3, 2010

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Junichi Matsumoto
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August 3, 2010

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To Whom It May Concern

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

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Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui) announced today that Mitsui, JX Nippon Oil & Energy Corporation (NOE , a wholly owned subsidiary of JX Holdings, Inc.), Marubeni Corporation (Marubeni) and Mitsui Marubeni Liquefied Gas Co., Ltd. (MLG *1) have signed an agreement on the integration of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) business of MLG and NOE 's LPG business unit (Integration), following a basic consensus about the detailed discussion between the parties as previously announced on April 5, 2010.

1. Purpose of the Integration

The purpose of the Integration is to strengthen the respective competitiveness and profitability of LPG business through rationalizing the whole supply chain. The integrated company (Newco) will aim to be an energy company which meets customers ' needs, fulfilling its responsibility to become a more efficient and stable LPG supplier and focusing positively on new energy businesses, such as sales of fuel cells, by utilizing its nation-wide sales networks for the supply of LPG.

2. Outline of the Integration**1) Method of the Integration**

The Integration units are NOE 's LPG business which used to be carried out by the former Nippon Oil Corporation*2 or its affiliates (NOE 's carved-out LPG business *3), and MLG. The Newco will be established based on an absorption-type split (*kyushu bunkatsu*) through which MLG, as the successor company, will acquire NOE 's carved-out LPG business. Furthermore, NOE will carve out its assets necessary for Newco to operate its LPG business.

2) Outline of the Newco

(1) Name	To be decided
(2) Business Activities	LPG imports and marketing, new energy related instruments marketing
(3) Capital	2 billion yen
(4) Date of Integration	By the end of the fiscal year 2010 Note: Subject to review by the relevant regulatory and governmental authorities
(5) Shareholders	NOE 66,668 shares*4, Mitsui 40,000 shares, Marubeni 26,667 shares
(6) Representative executive	NOE will nominate the president. Mitsui or Marubeni will nominate the vice-president.
(7) Import Volume	Approx. 3,160,000 MT (Sum of 2009 FY)
(8) Domestic Sales Volume	Approx. 3,630,000 MT (Sum of 2009 FY)
(9) Number of Terminals	10 import terminals and 6 domestic terminals

Other details about the Integration will be decided in the future.

*1. MLG is a joint-venture between Mitsui and Marubeni, owned 60% by Mitsui and 40% by Marubeni.

*2. NOE was founded on July 1, 2010 by the merger of Nippon Oil Corporation, Nippon Petroleum Refining Co., Ltd. and Japan Energy Corporation (Japan Energy).

- *3. NOE's carved-out LPG business does not include NOE's LPG business which used to be carried out by the former Japan Energy or its affiliates, as well as NOE's business in propylene, intermediate products of oil refining process, etc. The main assets of NOE's carved-out LPG business are as follows.
- (1) Facilities and land for terminals and LPG filling stations in Niigata, Akita and Sendai (Kagoshima Pref.) Terminal.
 - (2) Facilities and land related to LPG business in Sendai (Miyagi Pref.), Kawasaki and Osaka Terminal.
 - (3) Shares of KYUSHU L.P.G. FUKUSHIMA TERMINAL COMPANY, LIMITED and Onahama LPG Terminal.
 - (4) Shares of six LPG sales subsidiaries owned by ENEOS FRONTIER CO., LIMITED, a wholly owned subsidiary of NOE.
- *4. The number of the shares which would be allotted to NOE was determined by the consultation among the parties with reference to the valuation results of NOE's carved-out LPG business and MLG's business provided by the third-party financial advisors appointed by the prospective shareholders of Newco.

Outline of NOE's carved-out LPG business and company outline of MLG

	NOE's carved-out LPG business	Mitsui Marubeni Liquefied Gas Co., Ltd. (MLG)
Import Volume (2009FY)	Approx. 1,570,000 MT	Approx. 1,590,000 MT
Domestic Sales Volume (2009FY)	Approx. 1,860,000 MT	Approx. 1,770,000 MT
Location of Import Terminals	Sendai (Miyagi Pref.)	Aomori (Aomori Pref.)
	Niigata (Niigata Pref.)	Nanao (Ishikawa Pref.)
	Kawasaki (Kanagawa Pref.)	Karatsu (Saga Pref.)
	Osaka (Osaka Pref.)	Ichihara (Chiba Pref.) ^{*2}
Location of Domestic Terminals	Fukushima (Nagasaki Pref.) ^{*1}	Chiba (Chiba Pref.) ^{*3}
	Akita (Akita Pref.)	Kushiro (Hokkaido Pref.)
	Sendai (Kagoshima Pref.)	Ishikari (Hokkaido Pref.)
	Onahama (Fukushima Pref.) ^{*4}	Shiogama (Miyagi Pref.)
Number of main sales subsidiaries	6	2
Number of retail customers	Approx. 100,000	Approx. 200,000

*1 The LPG terminal owned by KYUSHU L.P.G. FUKUSHIMA TERMINAL COMPANY, LIMITED, a joint-venture between NOE and Astomos Energy Corporation.

*2 The LPG terminal owned by Kyokuto Petroleum Industries.,Ltd, a joint-venture between MITSUI OIL CO., LTD and Exxon Mobil Corporation.

*3 The LPG terminal owned by Marubeni Ennex Corporation, a subsidiary of Marubeni.

*4 The LPG terminal owned by Onahama LPG Terminal, a joint-venture between NOE and MLG.

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