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January 16, 2004

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

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

NOTICE OF THE FILING OF A PETITION BY A SUBSIDIARY TO COMMENCE CIVIL
REHABILITATION PROCEEDINGS

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

For the month of January 16, 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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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foreign private issuer must furnish and make public under the laws of the
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country exchange on which the registrant's securities are traded, as long as the
report or other document is not a press release, is not required to be and has
not been distributed to the registrant's security holders, and, if discussing a
material event, has already been the subject of a Form 6-K submission or other
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Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No X
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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- _____

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: January 16, 2004

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Tasuku Kondo

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

January 16, 2004

To whom it may concern:

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

Notice of the Filing of a Petition by a Subsidiary to Commence Civil Rehabilitation Proceedings

This is to announce that a petition to commence civil rehabilitation proceedings was filed with the Osaka District Court today by Shirasagi Golf Club Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to "SHIRASAGI"), a subsidiary of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to "MITSUI") engaged in the operation of Shirasagi Golf Club with the following details:

1. Reason for the petition
SHIRASAGI is engaged in the operation of Shirasagi Golf Club located in Himeji city in Hyogo Prefecture, which opened for business in 1996. Amidst the prolonged severe economic conditions that followed the collapse of the bubble economy in Japan, business conditions surrounding the golf club industry have not shown any sign of bottoming out as the number of customers and average sales per customer continue to decline. Against this background, SHIRASAGI has reported consecutive losses since the opening of the said golf club. In this tough business environment, it is very unlikely that SHIRASAGI will be able to improve its earnings and pay off its debt in the future. Therefore, MITSUI has determined that it has no other choice but to withdraw its support of SHIRASAGI, and as a result SHIRASAGI has made the decision to file the petition to commence civil rehabilitation proceedings.
2. Total amount of liabilities (as of November 30, 2003): 18.7 billion yen
3. Description of Shirasagi Golf Club Co., Ltd.

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Location of the head office: Kita-ku Osaka City
Establishment: November 13, 1970
Type of business: Operation of a golf club
Number of issued shares: 2,960,000 shares
Amount of capital: 1.48 billion yen
Major shareholder: Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (100% shareholder)
Number of employees: 47 (as of November 30, 2003)

4. Historical business results (Unit: Million yen)

	FY ended March 31, 2003	FY ended March 31, 2002	FY ended March 31, 2001	FY ended March 31, 2000
Sales	426	103	436	475
Net Income	-498	-119	-572	-643

5. Description of Shirasagi Golf Club

Location: Himeji city, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan
Opening date: October 14, 1996
Course: 18 holes, par 72, 6,804 yards in total length

6. Future plan

The Shirasagi Golf Club will continue to operate its business as usual. A rehabilitative plan will be proposed which may include a possible transfer of ownership of the golf club.

7. Influence on MITSUI's consolidated results

Since MITSUI recognized the losses on this transaction by the last term, we expect that the influence on the consolidated results will be insignificant.

For further inquiries regarding this notice, please contact:
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