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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Mitsui divests interests in Hong Kong International Terminals (HIT),

and Yantian International Container Terminals (YICT)

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

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February 16, 2011

Commission File Number <u>09929</u>

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

 $(Translation \ of \ registrant \ \ s \ name \ into \ English)$

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 $(Address\ of\ principal\ executive\ offices)$

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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.

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

Date: February 16, 2011

By: /s/ JUNICHI MATSUMOTO Name: Junichi Matsumoto

Title: Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer

February 16, 2011

For Immediate Release

To Whom It May Concern

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

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Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui) announced today that, Mitsui & Co. (H.K.) Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsui, has divested all its indirect equity and loan interests in HIT Investments Ltd. (1%, HIT), and in Yantian International Container Terminals Limited (2%) and the YICT business related subsidiaries, all of which (collectively called YICT) to Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH), the operator and the majority shareholders of HIT and YICT. HPH is a subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa Limited and manages ports and related services worldwide.

Upon a request of HPH to purchase Mitsui s shares, Mitsui decided on this divesture in consideration of its corporate strategy to optimize its business portfolio.

However, Mitsui s policy of continuing to develop a strong relationship with Hutchison remains the same.

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Summary of Hutchison Whampoa Limited (HWL)

Year of Establishment 1979

Location of Head Office Hong Kong

Representative LI Ka-Shing, Chairman

Sales 26,770 million U.S. dollars (2009)

Business activities Ports and related services; property and Hotels; retail; energy, infrastructure, investments and others; and

telecommunications.

Summary of Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH)

Year of Establishment 1866

Location of Head Office Hong Kong

Representative John E. Meredith, Group Managing Director

Business activities Port investor, developer and operator

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