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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

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Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed acquisition of Steel Technologies by Mitsui. In connection with the proposed acquisition, Mitsui and Steel Technologies intend to file relevant materials with the SEC, including Steel Technologies' proxy statement on Schedule 14A. SHAREHOLDERS OF STEEL TECHNOLOGIES ARE URGED TO READ ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, INCLUDING STEEL TECHNOLOGIES' PROXY STATEMENT, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain the documents free of charge at the SEC's web site, <http://www.sec.gov>, and Steel Technologies shareholders will receive information at an appropriate time on how to obtain transaction-related documents for free from Steel Technologies. Such documents are not currently available.

Participants in Solicitation

Mitsui and its directors and executive officers, and Steel Technologies and its directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the holders of Steel Technologies common stock in respect of the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of Mitsui is set forth in Mitsui's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the most recently ended fiscal year, which was filed with the SEC on September 27, 2006. Information about the directors and executive officers of Steel Technologies is set forth in the proxy statement for Steel Technologies' most recent Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on December 21, 2006. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interest of such participants by reading the proxy statement regarding the acquisition when it becomes available.

Facilities of Steel Technologies and Joint Ventures
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Murfreesboro, TN
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Decatur, AL
Decatur, AL
Madison, MS
Madison, MS
Ottawa, OH
Ottawa, OH
Berkeley, SC
Berkeley, SC
Flint, MI
Flint, MI

(KMP)

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Jeffersonville, IN

Jeffersonville, IN

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V Facilities

V Facilities

Steel Technologies Facilities

Steel Technologies Facilities

Puebla, MX

Puebla, MX

(Ferrolux)

(Ferrolux)

Wayne, MI

Wayne, MI

Canton, MI

Canton, MI

Windsor, ON,

Windsor, ON,

Canada

Canada

Woodstock, ON

Woodstock, ON

Canada

Canada

Portage, IN

Portage, IN

(DKP)

(DKP)

Woodhaven, MI

Woodhaven, MI

Juarez, MX

Juarez, MX

(opening March 2007)

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Greensburg, IN

Greensburg, IN

(RSDC)

(RSDC)

Holt, MI

Holt, MI

Cambridge, ON

Cambridge, ON

Canada

Canada

Louisville, KY

Louisville, KY

(HQ)

(HQ)

Queretaro, MX
Queretaro, MX
Matamoros, MX
Matamoros, MX
Monterrey, MX
Monterrey, MX
Eminence, KY
Eminence, KY
Cleveland, OH
Cleveland, OH
Clinton, NC
Clinton, NC
Ghent, KY
Ghent, KY

Trend
Trend
of
of
GDP
GDP
and
and
SSC
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Shipment
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Volume
Volume
(1988-2005)
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Notes: SSC industry-wide production levels were estimated by MSCI based on the shipment data it collected from its member SSC companies.

Sources: MSCI, BEA/US DOC

