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## Mitsui Chemicals Announces Funded Employees' Retirement Benefit Trust and Revised Performance Outlook for Fiscal 2005

Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (MCI) of Japan has announced following funded employees' retirement benefit trust and revised financial performance outlook for Fiscal 2005, taking into account the factors below.

1. Funded Employees' Retirement Benefit Trust
  - (1) Funded date: March 20, 2006
  - (2) Funded amount : ¥12.4 billion
  - (3) Gain on securities contributed to employees' retirement benefit trust:  
 Consolidated : ¥10.4 billion  
 Non-consolidated: ¥10.5 billion
2. MCI's Consolidated Financial Performance Outlook for Fiscal 2005 ending March 31, 2006

(April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006)

Consolidated, Unit: billion yen

	Net Sales	Operating Income	Recurring Income	Net Income
Previous Estimate (A) (announced in November 15, 2005)	1,500	70	70	42
Revised Estimate (B)	1,500	56	58	40
Difference (B-A)	0	(14)	(12)	(2)
Ratio	0.0%	(20.0%)	(17.1%)	(4.8%)
Fiscal 2004 Actual (Reference) (April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005)	1,227.5	80.5	79.7	26.2

2. MCI's Non-consolidated Financial Performance Outlook for Fiscal 2005 ending March 31, 2006

(April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006)

Non-consolidated, Unit: billion yen

	Net Sales	Operating Income	Recurring Income	Net Income
Previous Estimate (A) (announced in November 15, 2005)	840	30	36	11
Revised Estimate (B)	850	24	31	13
Difference (B-A)	10	(6)	(5)	2
Ratio	1.2%	(20.0%)	(13.9%)	18.2%
Fiscal 2004 Actual (Reference) (April 1, 2004 - March 31, 2005)	833.5	42.9	44.6	6.3

### 3. Factors Underlying the Revised Outlook for Fiscal 2005

Operating and recurring income on consolidated and non-consolidated basis are expected to decline from our previous estimates. Despite the efforts to raise product prices in the wake of soaring raw material, feedstock and energy costs, the business conditions deteriorated mainly in the Petrochemical Business.

*Note: The above-mentioned outlook constitutes projection based on information available at this point in time, and therefore involves certain risk and uncertainty. Therefore, there is a possibility that actual performance figures would differ largely from the outlook due to various factors that may arise henceforth.*

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