



"Contributing to the community through philanthropic activities goes naturally with contributing through business activities at the Mitsubishi companies"

Mitsubishi website



COMPANY HISTORY AND PRODUCTS

The Mitsubishi Group consists of more than 160 corporations, employing over half a million people. In 1995, Fortune Magazine declared the company the largest corporation on the planet, with revenues topping \$175 billion. Mitsubishi is Japan's number one defense contractor; no small matter, considering that Japan's "non-offensive" military's budget is already the third largest in the world.

The company, headquartered in Tokyo, won CorpWatch's Greenwash award in 1995. Mitsubishi was named "The Most Environmentally Destructive Corporate Force on Earth" by the San Francisco based organization. CorpWatch bestowed this dubious honor on Mitsubishi for its ceaseless efforts to portray its various businesses--some of the most destructive on earth--as environmentally friendly.

Mitsubishi has its head office in Tokyo with 32 other locations in Japan. It has offices in Mexico, China, Indonesia, Taiwan and India with representatives in South America, Moscow, Istanbul, Pursan, Bangkok and Ho Chi Min City, with dozens of overseas subsidiaries.



THE DIRT THEY MAKE

Mitsubishi is one of the main companies currently constructing the Monju and Rokkasho Fast Breeder Reactors (FBR), which are reprocessing plants. Thus, Mitsubishi is providing Japan with the reprocessing technology to make missiles through the extraction plutonium. Japan, however, does not possess nuclear weapons, at the moment because Article 9 of their constitution prevents them from doing so.

The majority of business involving Mitsubishi is done on behalf of the Japan Defence Agency, with such projects as the F-2 close support fighter, which is being developed in conjunction with Lockheed Martin Corp. as a successor to the F-1 fighter.

Mitsubishi has been engaging in nuclear business for more than three decades. Since commencing research and development of nuclear power

generation in the 1950s, Mitsubishi has taken part in the design, manufacture and construction of a large number of very successful power plants. Mitsubishi is engaged in the supply of fuel cycle-related equipment and the implementation of research and development programs. These include ways of storing spent nuclear fuel and the development of new types of nuclear power plants like the fast breeder reactor, the high temperature gas cooled reactor, and the nuclear fusion reactor. Thus, Mitsubishi activities related directly to the manufacture of nuclear weapons. The company has manufactured missiles and nuclear energy using plutonium.

Mitsubishi makes helicopters, rockets, missiles, torpedoes, nuclear power plants, aircraft and military space equipment.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries is Japan's number one ship and rocket builder, gas, oil, coal-fired and nuclear power plant maker, and heavy machinery producer. This subsidiary also builds patriot missiles.

In December 1998, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries in Japan and Raytheon in the U.S. were the defense contractors involved in joint research on Theatre Missile Defence (TMD). A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on August 16, 1999 outlining the direction the plan would take. Japan plans to spend \$280 million over the next six years on the Theatre Missile Defence.



MITSUBISHI'S SUBSIDIARIES AND INDUSTRY

The core Mitsubishi companies are global leaders in most key economic sectors and are involved in a vast array of activities ranging from making chopsticks to building sophisticated defense weaponry and systems.

There are several divisions within the Mitsubishi Corporation. Many of these Mitsubishi Companies are leaders in their fields both nationally and internationally. Some of them are: Mitsubishi Bank, Mitsubishi Chemical, Mitsubishi Oil, Mitsubishi Electric, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation, Mitsubishi Corporation in Europe and The Middle East, and Kirin Brewery of America.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd (MHI) is one of the

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world's leading manufacturers of heavy industry and is working in several areas including, nuclear power, machinery, defense, civil aircraft, and space related business. MHI is located in Tokyo, Japan. It is active in efforts to export nuclear power materials to Asia. Mitsubishi has exported a pressure vessel to China's Qinshan nuclear plant and has supplied a turbine for Taiwan's No.4 (Lungmen) Nuclear Plant.

MITSUBISHI PARTNERSHIPS

For the purpose of expanding business and widening the product line-up, Mitsubishi has "aggressively" made alliances with other companies. In aerospace, they exchanged memorandums in May 2000 with the Boeing Company agreeing to strengthen their cooperation on the International Space Station.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries is the key Japanese industry participant in developing a sea-based theater missile defense system that Washington and Tokyo agreed to research in mid-August of 1999. This system is intended to detect the launch of enemy missiles. MHI is working with Raytheon, the prime contractor for the Navy's Theater Wide system, on this project. The five-year project will focus on an improved version of the SM-3 missile used in the U.S. Navy's Theatre Wide missile defense program. MHI has already received an \$8.3 million U.S. government contract keyed to Japan's part of the program. Their main role is to develop various high-tech equipment for the missile defense system. Japan plans to spend \$280 million over the next six years on the project.

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Partners in Mass Destruction



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Siemens

Primary sale to the military is plutonium and electronic communication systems, crucial for today's war machine. They make and service nuclear power plants.