

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO LTD

Form 6-K

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## **FORM 6-K**

# **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

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

**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the Month of December 2006**

**Commission File Number: 1-6784**

## **Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.**

**Kadoma, Osaka, Japan**

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**This Form 6-K consists of:**

1. News release issued on December 18, 2006, by Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. (the registrant), announcing the repurchase of a portion of its own shares.
2. News release issued on December 21, 2006, by the registrant, announcing the signing of agreement on integration of healthcare business through business division

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

By: /s/ YOICHI NAGATA  
Yoichi Nagata, Attorney-in-Fact  
Director of Overseas Investor Relations  
Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

Dated: January 10, 2007

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*December 18, 2006*

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**Matsushita Electric Executes Own Share Repurchase**

Osaka, Japan, December 18, 2006 Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. (MEI [NYSE symbol: MC]), best known for its Panasonic brand, announced that it has repurchased a portion of its own shares from the market in conformity with provisions of Article 211-3, Paragraph 1, Item 2 of the former Japanese Commercial Code, which applies pursuant to Article 81 of the Law for Maintenance of Relevant Laws Relating to the Enforcement of the Company Law.

Details of the share repurchase are as follows:

1. Class of shares: Common stock
2. Period of repurchase: Between November 28, 2006 and December 18, 2006
3. Aggregate number of shares repurchased: 4,403,000 shares
4. Aggregate repurchase amount: 9,999,425,000 yen
5. Method of repurchase: Shares were repurchased on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (Reference 1)

- 1) The following details were resolved at the Board of Directors meeting held on April 28, 2006:

Class of shares: Common stock

Aggregate number of repurchasable shares: Up to 50 million shares

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Aggregate repurchase amount: Up to 100 billion yen

2) Cumulative total of shares repurchased since the April 28, 2006 Board of Directors resolution through today:

Aggregate number of shares repurchased: 36,778,000 shares

Aggregate repurchase amount: 89,993,445,000 yen  
(Reference 2)

The number of shares issued and treasury stock as of September 30, 2006:

Total number of shares issued (excluding treasury stock): 2,192,915,563 shares

Treasury stock: 260,137,934 shares

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**Signing of Agreement on Integration of Healthcare Business**

**through Business Division**

Osaka, Japan, December 21, 2006 Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. (MEI [NYSE symbol: MC]), best known for its Panasonic brand, today announced that MEI and its consolidated subsidiary Panasonic Shikoku Electronics Co., Ltd. (PSEC) have signed the agreement regarding the transfer of MEI's healthcare business of Healthcare Business Company to PSEC through business division (see July 26, 2006 press release "Integration of Healthcare Business through Business Division"). Details of the agreement are summarized below.

**1. Purpose of business division**

By dividing the healthcare business from MEI, and transferring such business to PSEC, MEI aims to establish comprehensive business operations. By generating synergy effects in the relevant businesses, MEI will augment growth strategies and reinforce management structures in the healthcare business on the whole.

**2. Outline of the business division**

A. Schedule

December 21, 2006	Resolution of the Board of Directors on business division agreement
December 21, 2006	Signing of business division agreement
April 1, 2007 (planned)	Effective date of business division and business transfer

(Note: This business division will be conducted through the simplified procedures provided under the Company Law of Japan, by which a resolution of the shareholders' meeting will not be made.)

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B. Method of business division

MEI will divide a certain part of its business and PSEC will succeed the divided business.

C. Allotment of shares

PSEC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MEI, will issue 1 share of its common stock and allot it to MEI.

D. Handling of stock acquisition rights

The stock acquisition rights of PSEC shall not be delivered to the holders of the stock acquisition rights of MEI.

E. Overview of Accounting Procedure

This business division falls under the category of the transactions made under the common control in the classification of accounting for business combinations, and MEI will not record any profit or loss in respect of this transaction. In addition, no goodwill will appear on the balance sheet as a result of the business division.

F. Rights and obligations to be succeeded

Rights and obligations such as the assets and liabilities with respect to the business to be divided and transferred, which are considered to be necessary for PSEC to operate the business to be succeeded, excluding those rights and obligations with respect to the manufacture and sale business of ultrasonic diagnostic imaging equipment, probes and hearing aids for which MEI has obtained approval or certification by the end of March 2007 in accordance with the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law of Japan.

G. Prospects of paying debt obligations

MEI believes that both MEI and PSEC can pay the debt obligations incurred as a result of the business division and transfer.

H. Capitals to decrease as a result of the business division

None

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**3. Basic information of MEI and PSEC** (non-consolidated basis)

(as of September 30, 2006)

	MEI	PSEC
Trade Name	(company to divide a unit)	(succeeding company)
Principal Lines of Business	Manufacture and sale of electronic and electric equipment	Manufacture and sale of electric, communications, electronic, lighting, medical equipment and medical products
Date of Incorporation	December 15, 1935	November 15, 1948
Principal Office	Kadoma-shi, Osaka, Japan	Toon-shi, Ehime, Japan
Representative	Fumio Ohtsubo, President	Tomiyasu Chiba, President
Capital Stock (million yen)	258,740	7,907
Shares Issued	2,453,053,497	158,146,560
Shareholders Equity (million yen)	2,596,955	148,532
Total Assets (million yen)	5,013,611	183,986
Financial Closing Date	March 31	March 31
No. of Employees	45,548	2,881
Major Customers	Consumer products widely distributed to the general public through consumer and household equipment sales channels. Industrial equipment and components sold mainly to government agencies, corporations and manufacturers through systems and industrial sales channels.	MEI
Major Shareholders and Shareholdings	Moxley & Co. 7.00% The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust account) 6.10% Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd. (Trust account) 4.72% Nippon Life Insurance Co. 2.73% Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation 2.35%	MEI 100%
Major Banks	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Resona Bank Ltd., etc.	The Hyakujyushi Bank Ltd., etc.
Relationship between both companies	Capital relationship Employees Transactions	Succeeding company is a 100% subsidiary of the company to divide a business unit. Employees are dispatched from the company to divide a unit to the succeeding company. There are mutual transactions between both companies regarding merchandise and services.

Note: Amounts less than one million yen have been rounded to the nearest whole million yen amount. (hereinafter the same)



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**Financial results for the most recent three fiscal years** (non-consolidated basis)

(in millions of yen, except per share amounts)

Fiscal Year ended	MEI			PSEC		
	(company to divide a business unit)			(succeeding company)		
	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006
Net Sales	4,081,485	4,145,654	4,472,579	197,778	167,327	150,788
Operating Profit	46,993	88,393	123,218	3,092	2,799	7,860
Recurring Profit	105,201	116,280	216,425	2,483	3,210	7,714
Net Income (Loss)	59,499	73,453	20,445	5,769	(9,444)	5,661
Net Income (Loss) per Share (in yen)	25.52	31.90	9.08	36.07	(60.21)	35.28
Annual Dividends per Share (in yen)	14.00	15.00	20.00	52.19	50.03	43.15
Shareholders Equity per Share (in yen)	1,224.59	1,230.76	1,239.25	1,042.91	932.03	920.08

Note: Amounts less than one million yen have been omitted for March 2004.

**4. Description of the business to be divided****A. Business to be divided**

Sale of blood glucose monitoring systems; development, manufacture and sale of ultrasonic diagnostic imaging equipment, hearing aids and other healthcare equipment

**B. Operating results of the business to be divided for the year ended March 31, 2006**

(in millions of yen)

	Healthcare business (a)	MEI (b)	Percentage
			(a / b)
Net Sales	53,243	4,472,579	1%

Note: Percentage less than one percent has been rounded to the nearest whole number.

**C. Assets and liabilities of the business to be divided as of March 31, 2007 (forecast)**

(in billions of yen)

Item	Assets		Item	Liabilities	
	Amount	Amount		Amount	Amount

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Current assets	13.8	Current liabilities	8.1
Fixed assets	1.7	Noncurrent liabilities	0.3
Total	15.5	Total	8.4

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**5. Effects of business division on MEI's financial results**

**Information about Matsushita upon the business division**

1) Trade name:	Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
2) Principal lines of business:	Manufacture and sale of electronic and electric equipment
3) Principal office:	Kadoma-shi, Osaka, Japan
4) Representative:	Fumio Ohtsubo, President
5) Capital stock:	No change as a result of this business division
6) Total assets:	No material effect on total assets as a result of this business division
7) Annual financial closing date:	March 31
8) Effect on financial results:	MEI currently expects that the business division will have no effect on MEI's financial forecast on a consolidated basis, and no significant effect on a parent-alone basis.

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