

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO LTD

Form 6-K

December 19, 2003

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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, 2003

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Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

Kadoma, Osaka, Japan

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

1. News release issued on December 19, 2003, by Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. (the registrant ), announcing a new group structure.
2. News release issued on December 19, 2003, by the registrant, announcing a tender offer for shares of Matsushita Electric Works.

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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/ YUKITOSHI ONDA            
Yukitoshi Onda, Attorney-in-Fact  
President  
Panasonic Finance (America),  
Inc.

Dated: December 19, 2003

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Matsushita Announces New Group Structure**

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. (MEI [NYSE symbol: MC]), best known for its Panasonic brand name, announced today that it has entered into a basic agreement with Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd. (MEW) to unify the management strategies of the two companies by increasing its capital ownership of MEW. Based on common management philosophies and strategies, the two companies will combine their respective strengths to form a new Matsushita Group, augmenting their considerable resources as top global companies.

On January 9, 2004, MEI and MEW will jointly establish a Collaboration Committee to discuss the formation of an optimized structure toward maximizing corporate value for the entire Matsushita Group. Specifically, this committee will discuss policies aimed at enhancing operations from a customer's point of view. The companies expect unified management strategies will further enhance growth and increase productivity in the fields of home appliances, household equipment, construction materials, electric equipment, lighting, home and building networks, environment-related businesses, healthcare, and medical equipment.

To achieve smooth collaboration, MEI will increase its capital ownership of MEW. MEI, at a meeting of its Board of Directors held today, resolved to acquire additional shares of MEW amounting to a total of 51% ownership of MEW shares. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of MEW, also held today, MEW confirmed its intent to support the proposed acquisition by MEI of such additional shares by means of tender offer.

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Since 1935, when MEW became a separate company from MEI by spinning off a part of MEI's business, both companies have maintained a cooperative relationship, while expanding their respective businesses independently based on separate strategies. However, under increasingly intense global competition, both companies are faced with changing consumer demand for both products and services in networkable appliances and environmentally-friendly product areas. It is, therefore, more important than ever for the Matsushita Group to concentrate its resources to effectively respond to the needs of a global market.

For the future, MEI and MEW will take advantage of synergy effects created by combining MEI's extensive experience in various fields ranging from components and devices, through finished products and services, with MEW's strength in home and living environment areas. By combining management resources, MEI and MEW will be able to provide customers with total solutions for comfortable living environments in consumer and industrial markets. Furthermore, the two companies aim to become global leaders by accelerating the establishment of new businesses in the fields of networkable products for the home and office, environment-related businesses, and healthcare and medical equipment.

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**Matsushita Electric Industrial Announces Tender Offer**  
**for Shares of Matsushita Electric Works**

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. (MEI [NYSE symbol: MC]), best known for its Panasonic brand name, announced that its Board of Directors today resolved to acquire additional shares of Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd. (MEW) by means of a tender offer, upon signing a basic agreement between MEI and MEW.

Details of the tender offer are as follows:

**1. Purposes of initiating tender offer**

Currently, both MEI and MEW operate in uncertain business environments, characterized by slow growth in domestic demand, including consumer spending, and intensifying global price competition. MEI also expects that global competition in markets in which it operates will be further accelerated in the future.

Although MEI and MEW, the principal companies in the Matsushita group, have a long history of cooperation in various business areas, the two companies have expanded their operations independently, based on separate strategies developed by each of the two companies. In today's business environment, however, the two companies believe that establishing an optimum operating structure from a customer's viewpoint is essential in creating new value as a leading global group that offers solutions for comfortable living, thus increasing customer satisfaction, as well as overall corporate value.

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This customer-oriented, optimum group structure will be established by combining MEI's extensive management resources in the areas of digital networking, home appliances, components and devices, and R&D, with MEW's considerable expertise in the living environments field. Furthermore, in addressing such issues as realization of the much-anticipated ubiquitous networking society, and coexistence with the environment, MEI and MEW believe they can take advantage of synergy effects to be achieved by combining the management resources of both companies.

Meanwhile, the increased collaboration is also expected to facilitate creation of new growth opportunities and improved productivity in a number of business areas. MEI and MEW intend to unite groupwide efforts in R&D, manufacturing and sales, and work to enhance efficiency, while strengthening product development capabilities and cost competitiveness. Through these initiatives, the two companies will strive to achieve greater growth in such areas as home appliances, household equipment & building products, electrical construction materials, lighting, home & building information networks, environment-related systems, and healthcare & medical equipment, thereby solidifying the group's position as a leading global company.

MEI and MEW entered into a basic agreement today for the purpose of advancing comprehensive collaboration between the two companies. Based on this basic agreement, the two companies will establish a joint Collaboration Committee on January 9, 2004 to discuss details regarding mutual business cooperation and possible areas of synergy.

**2. Outline of tender offer**

**(1) Trade name and principal office of tender offeror**

Trade name : Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

Kunio Nakamura, President and Director  
Principal office : 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka, Japan

**(2) Basic information for MEW**

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|----------------------------------|--|
| 1) Trade name :                  | Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.  |
| 2) Principal lines of business : | Manufacture and sale of lighting, information, electric, housing and other equipment |
| 3) Date of incorporation :       | December 15, 1935  |
| 4) Principal office :            | 1048, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka, Japan  |
| 5) Representative :              | Koichi Hatanaka, President and Representative Director                               |



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6) Capital stock (million yen) : 138,349 (as of November 30, 2003)

7) Major shareholders and shareholdings (as of November 30, 2003) :

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.	31.83%
Japan Trustee Services Bank, Ltd.	6.21%
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd.	3.22%
Nippon Life Insurance Co.	2.55%
Matsushita Real Estate Co., Ltd.	2.21%
Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.	2.06%
Matsushita Investment & Development Co., Ltd.	1.97%
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	1.30%
Resona Bank, Ltd.	1.23%
BNP Paribas Securities (Japan) Ltd.	1.10%

Note: MEW holds 15,810,228 shares (2.15% of total) of its own stock

8) Relationship between MEI and MEW:

Capital : MEI owns 31.8% of MEW's issued shares.  
 Personnel : There is one Director from MEI on MEW's Board of Directors.  
 There is one Corporate Auditor from MEI on MEW's Board of Corporate Auditors (this Corporate Auditor resigned as of December 19, 2003).  
 There is one Corporate Auditor from MEW on MEI's Board of Corporate Auditors.

Transactions : MEI and MEW sell and purchase products from each other and have various other transactions. MEI licenses the brand names of National and Panasonic to MEW, receiving consideration.

**(3) Class of MEW shares to be acquired by tender offer**

Common stock

**(4) Period of tender offer**

Commencing in or after late January, 2004, to be completed by the middle of March, 2004 (planned)

**(5) Tender offer price**

1,040 yen per share (planned)

This tender offer price may change, subject to the results of a subsequent review of MEW's financial condition, the overall economic environment, stock market conditions and material changes in other factors that are taken into account in determining the tender offer price. MEI may also withdraw the tender offer.

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**(6) Basis of calculation of tender offer price**

The tender offer price of 1,040 yen per share was calculated based on the average closing price of MEW's shares on the Tokyo Stock Exchange for the one-month period ended December 18, 2003. (The tender offer price includes a 30% premium over such average closing price.) The tender offer price was determined through comprehensive consideration of such factors as the market value of shares, financial condition and future earnings of MEW, and on the assumption that MEI acquires a majority of the issued shares of MEW.

**(7) Number of shares to be purchased**

140.55 million shares (planned)

- Notes:
1. If the total number of shares which shareholders offer to sell is less than the above number of shares, MEI will purchase all such shares offered by shareholders.
  2. If the total number of shares which shareholders offer to sell exceeds the number of shares to be purchased, MEI will not purchase all such excess shares, and will implement delivery or make other settlement regarding the purchase of share certificates pursuant to the *pro rata* method provided under Article 27-13, Paragraph 5 of the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan.

**(8) Change in ownership of shares**

Shares owned by MEI before tender offer : 233.39 million (31.8% of total)

Shares owned by MEI after tender offer : 373.94 million (51.0% of total)

- Notes:
1. Shares owned by MEI after the tender offer is the number of shares MEI will own, assuming it purchases 140.55 million shares, as indicated in (7) above.
  2. The percents of total shown in parentheses above are calculated based on the number of all issued shares (733.21 million shares) of MEW as of November 30, 2003.

**(9) Date of public notice of commencement of tender offer**

In or after late January, 2004 (planned)

**(10) Tender offer agent**

Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.

**(11) Funds required for purchase**

146,172 million yen (assuming all shares to be purchased are purchased at the aforementioned tender offer price)

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**3. Support by MEW**

The Board of Directors of MEW has passed a resolution supporting this tender offer.

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