

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM SD

Specialized Disclosure Report

FARO TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-23081
(Commission
File Number)

59-3157093
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

250 Technology Park, Lake Mary, Florida 32746
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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(Name and telephone number, including area code of the person to contact in connection with this report)

Check the appropriate box to indicate the rule pursuant to which this form is being filed, and provide the period to which the information in this form applies:

- Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13p-1) for the reporting period from January 1 to December 31, 2017.

Section 1 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure

Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report

Conflict Minerals Disclosure

This Form SD of FARO Technologies, Inc. (the “Company”) is filed pursuant to Rule 13p-1 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, for the reporting period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

The Company has filed a Conflict Minerals Report, which appears as Exhibit 1.01 hereto and is publicly available on the Investor Relations page at www.faro.com under “SEC Filings”.

Item 1.02 Exhibit

A copy of the Company’s Conflict Minerals Report is filed as Exhibit 1.01 hereto.

Section 2 – Exhibits

Item 2.01 Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed as part of this Form SD:

Exhibit 1.01 - Conflict Minerals Report as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of this Form SD.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FARO Technologies, Inc.
(Registrant)

May 31, 2018

/s/ Jody S. Gale

By: Jody S. Gale

Its: Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

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Exhibit Number	Description
<u>1.01</u>	<u>Conflict Minerals Report of FARO Technologies, Inc.</u>

FARO Technologies, Inc.
Conflict Minerals Report
For the Reporting Period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Introduction

This conflict minerals report (“Report”) of FARO Technologies, Inc. (“FARO,” the “Company,” “us,” “we” or “our”) for the reporting period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 is presented to comply with Rule 13p-1 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Rule”). The Rule was adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) to implement reporting and disclosure requirements related to “conflict minerals” as directed by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (“Dodd-Frank Act”). Conflict minerals are defined by the SEC as columbite-tantalite (coltan), cassiterite, gold, wolframite, or their derivatives, which are limited to tantalum, tin, and tungsten. The Rule imposes certain reporting obligations on SEC registrants whose products contain conflict minerals that are necessary to the functionality or production of their products (such minerals are referred to as “necessary conflict minerals”). For products which contain necessary conflict minerals, the registrant must conduct in good faith a reasonable country of origin inquiry (“RCOI”) designed to determine whether any of the conflict minerals originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (“DRC”) or an adjoining country, collectively defined as the “Covered Countries”. If, based on such inquiry, the registrant knows or has reason to believe that any of the necessary conflict minerals contained in its products originated or may have originated in a Covered Country and knows or has reason to believe that those necessary conflict minerals may not be solely from recycled or scrap sources, the registrant must conduct due diligence as a method to conclude if the necessary conflict minerals contained in those products did or did not directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed conflict in the Covered Countries. Products which do not contain necessary conflict minerals that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the Covered Countries are considered “DRC conflict free”. We use the term “conflict free” in this Report in a broader sense to refer to suppliers, supply chains, smelters and refiners whose sources of conflict minerals did not or do not directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed conflict in the Covered Countries. Numerous terms in this Report are defined in the Rule and Form SD and the reader is referred to those sources and to SEC Release No. 34-67716 issued by the SEC on August 22, 2012 for such definitions.

Company Overview

FARO was founded in 1982 and re-incorporated in Florida in 1992. FARO’s worldwide headquarters are located at 250 Technology Park, Lake Mary, Florida 32746, and our telephone number is (407) 333-9911.

FARO designs, develops, manufactures, markets and supports software driven, three-dimensional (“3D”) measurement, imaging and realization systems. This technology permits high-precision 3D measurement, imaging and comparison of parts and complex structures within production and quality assurance processes. Our devices are used for inspection of components and assemblies, rapid prototyping, reverse engineering, documenting large volume or structures in 3D, surveying and construction, as well as for investigation and reconstruction of accident sites or crime scenes. We sell the majority of our products through a direct sales force across a broad number of customers in a range of manufacturing, industrial, architecture, surveying, building information modeling, construction, public safety forensics, cultural heritage and other applications. Our FaroArm[®], FARO ScanArm[®], FARO Gage[®], FARO Laser Tracker[™], FARO Cobalt Array Imager, FARO Laser Projector, and their companion CAM2[®], BuildIT, and RayTracer[™] software solutions, provide for Computer-Aided Design (“CAD”) based inspection, factory-level statistical process control, high-density surveying and laser-guided assembly and production. Together, these products integrate the measurement, quality inspection, and reverse engineering functions with CAD and 3D software to improve productivity, enhance product quality, and decrease rework and scrap in the manufacturing process, mainly supporting applications in our Factory Metrology vertical. Our FARO Focus and FARO Scanner Freestyle^{3D}X laser scanners, and their companion FARO SCENE, FARO PointSense, and FARO Zone public safety forensics software offerings, are utilized for a wide variety of 3D modeling, documentation and high-density surveying applications in our Construction Building Information Modeling (“Construction BIM”) and Public Safety Forensics verticals. Our FARO Laser ScanArm[®], FARO Cobalt Array Imager, FARO Scanner Freestyle^{3D}X laser scanners and their companion SCENE software also enable a fully digital workflow used to capture real world geometry for the purpose of empowering design, enabling innovation, and speeding up the design cycle, supporting our Product Design vertical. FARO Visual Inspect enables large, complex 3D CAD data to be transferred to a tablet device and then used for mobile visualization and comparison to real world conditions, facilitating in-process inspection, assembly, guidance and positioning for applications in our Factory Metrology and Construction BIM verticals. Our line of galvanometer-based scan heads and laser scan controllers are used in a variety of laser applications and are integrated into larger components and systems.

Conflict Minerals Policy

We have adopted the following conflict minerals policy:

1. To make reasonable efforts: (a) to know, and to require each FARO supplier to disclose to us, the sources of conflict minerals used in our products; and (b) to eliminate procurement, as soon as commercially practicable, of products containing conflict minerals obtained from sources that fund or support armed conflict in the Covered Countries.

2. To require FARO suppliers to assist us in complying with the disclosure requirements of Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, and the rules of the SEC promulgated pursuant to that law, as well as any related laws and rules.

We are committed to eliminating the use of any conflict minerals in our products. In our Supplier Code of Conduct, we require our suppliers to certify that they will only source conflict minerals from “conflict free” smelters identified at www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org.

A copy of the above conflict minerals policy is available on our Investor Relations page at <http://www.faro.com> under “Leadership and Governance”.

Presence of Conflict Minerals in FARO’s Products

We have evaluated our current product lines and determined that the FaroArm[®], FARO ScanArm[®] and FARO Gage articulated measuring devices, the FARO Laser Tracker[™], the FARO Laser Projector, the FARO Cobalt Array Imager, the FARO Focus laser scanner, the FARO Freestyle^{3DX} laser scanner, and certain accessory products we manufacture or contract to manufacture contain trace amounts of tin, tungsten, tantalum and/or gold (“3TG”). We do not source any 3TG directly, and as a purchaser we are many steps removed from the mining of any conflict minerals. We do not directly source anything from the Covered Countries. As a result, we must rely on our suppliers to provide information regarding the origin of necessary conflict minerals that are included in our products.

Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry (RCOI) and Due Diligence Process

During 2017, we conducted a good faith RCOI regarding the necessary conflict minerals contained in our products. This RCOI was designed to determine whether any of the necessary conflict minerals originated in the Covered Countries and whether any of the necessary conflict minerals may be from recycled or scrap sources. The results of our RCOI efforts were inconclusive and, as a result, we also exercised due diligence on the source and chain of custody of the necessary conflict minerals through utilization of the nationally recognized due diligence framework in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas Second Edition, including the related supplements on 3TG.

As part of our RCOI and due diligence efforts, a cross-functional team of FARO employees, including representatives from engineering, research & development, procurement, production and quality, identified all components of FARO products which may contain 3TG and then compiled a list of the suppliers from whom we buy those items. We identified a total of 46 such suppliers and corresponded with those vendors, primarily via email. We provided them all with a soft copy of, and asked them to complete and return, the Responsible Minerals Initiative’s Conflict Minerals Reporting Template, which is available at www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org. We received and reviewed various types of responses from 37 (80%) of those 46 suppliers. All of those suppliers provided their responses to us at a company-wide level, rather than at a level specific to the materials and components they supplied to us. As a result, for conflict minerals sourced from these suppliers, we were unable to determine which, if any, of the smelters and countries of origin listed in their responses were the actual source of conflict minerals they supplied to us. None of the responses indicated that anything had been supplied to FARO containing 3TG which was known or believed to have directly or indirectly financed or benefitted armed conflict in the Covered Countries.

Our efforts to determine the mines or location of origin with the greatest possible specificity included the use of the due diligence measures described above. Because we did not receive sufficient information from suppliers and other sources during our due diligence process, we were unable to determine the country of origin of, or the facilities used to process, all of the necessary conflict minerals which may be present in our products.

We expect to continue taking the following actions, among others, in 2018 to mitigate the risk that our necessary conflict minerals benefit armed conflict and to improve our due diligence measures:

- continue to engage with suppliers to obtain current, accurate and complete information about the supply chain;

- require suppliers to implement or maintain, as applicable, policies to reasonably assure that the conflict minerals in the products they supply to us do not directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed conflict in the Covered Countries;
- require suppliers to exercise due diligence on the source and chain of custody of these minerals and make their due diligence measures available to FARO; and
- train new and existing suppliers as necessary regarding our Conflict Minerals Policy and program.

This Report contains forward-looking statements including but not limited to statements relating to actions that we may take in the future with respect to future supplier diligence and engagement efforts and development of related processes. Such statements are based on the current expectations of our management and are neither promises nor guarantees of future performance of the actions. The forward-looking statements represent management's expectations as of the date of this Report. Subsequent events and developments may cause management's view to change. While we may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, we specifically disclaim any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this Report.

Independent Private Sector Audit

Not applicable.