

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES INC
Form SD
May 30, 2018

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

FORM SD
Specialized Disclosure Report

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio	1-2299	34-0117420
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Number)	(Commission File (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)	

One Applied Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio 44115
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Fred D. Bauer, Vice President
(216) 426-4000
(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

Determination Based on Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry

Based on a reasonable country of origin inquiry, Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc. ("Applied"; the word "us" below refers to Applied and its subsidiaries) has reason to believe that:

1. Certain conflict minerals necessary to the functionality or production of products manufactured by us, or contracted to be manufactured for us, in 2017 may have originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country; and
2. The necessary conflict minerals may not be from recycled or scrap sources.

Description of Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry

A description of Applied's Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry is included in the Conflict Minerals Report, which is filed as Exhibit 1.01 to this Form SD.

The Conflict Minerals Report is also publicly available at the following Internet website:

www.applied.com/conflictminerals. The content of any website referred to in this Form SD is not incorporated by reference into this Form SD.

Item 1.02 Exhibit

A copy of Applied's Conflict Minerals Report as required by Item 1.01 is filed as Exhibit 1.01 to this Form SD.

Section 2 - Exhibits

Item 2.01 Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed as part of this report.

Exhibit 1.01 Conflict Minerals Report for the reporting period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 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, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the duly authorized undersigned.

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Fred D. Bauer
Fred D. Bauer

Date: May 30, 2018 Vice President-General Counsel & Secretary