

KIMBERLY CLARK CORP
Form SD
May 24, 2017

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

FORM SD
SPECIALIZED DISCLOSURE REPORT

KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION
(Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-225 39-0394230
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission file number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

P.O. Box 619100, Dallas, Texas 75261-9100
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Sandra J. MacQuillan, Senior Vice President and Chief Supply Chain Officer (972) 281-1200
(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, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Section 1 Conflict Minerals Disclosure

Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report Conflict Minerals Disclosure

This Specialized Disclosure Report on Form SD of Kimberly-Clark Corporation is for the period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Unless the context indicates otherwise, “Kimberly-Clark,” “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to Kimberly-Clark Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

During 2016, certain of our operations manufactured, or contracted to manufacture, products for which 3TGs (as defined below) are necessary to their functionality or production (“Covered Products”). The term “3TGs” refers to columbite-tantalite (coltan), cassiterite, gold, wolframite or their derivatives, which are limited to tantalum, tin and tungsten. Accordingly, we have conducted a reasonable country of origin inquiry (“RCOI”) that was designed to determine whether any of the 3TGs in our Covered Products originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country (Angola, Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda or Zambia), or were from recycled or scrap sources.

Information about our RCOI, as well as the steps we have taken to exercise due diligence on the source and chain of custody of any 3TGs in our Covered Products, is included in our Conflict Minerals Report, which is filed as an exhibit to this Form SD. In addition, our Conflict Minerals Report is publicly available at:

<http://www.kimberly-clark.com/sustainability/people/CSC.aspx>.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Specialized Disclosure Report on Form SD, including the Conflict Minerals Report exhibit, contains forward-looking statements that are based upon management’s expectations and beliefs concerning future events impacting Kimberly-Clark. Certain matters contained herein concerning the future, including risk mitigation steps, constitute forward-looking statements and are based upon management’s expectations and beliefs. There can be no assurance that these future events will occur as anticipated.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they were made, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update them. For a description of certain factors that could cause our future results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statement, see Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, entitled “Risk Factors.”

Inherent Limitations on Due Diligence Procedures

As a downstream purchaser of 3TGs, or components containing 3TGs, our due diligence procedures can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance regarding the source and chain of custody of such materials. Our due diligence processes are based on the necessity of seeking data from our direct suppliers and those suppliers seeking similar information within their supply chains to identify the original sources of 3TGs. We also rely, to a large extent, on information collected and provided by third parties. Such sources of information may yield inaccurate or incomplete information and may be subject to fraud.

Item 1.02 Exhibit

We have filed our Conflict Minerals Report as Exhibit 1.01 to this Form SD.

Section 2 Exhibits

Item 2.01 Exhibits

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

SIGNATURES

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.

**KIMBERLY-CLARK
CORPORATION**

Date: May 24, 2017 By: /s/ Sandra J. MacQuillan
Sandra J. MacQuillan
Senior Vice President and Chief
Supply Chain Officer

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1.01 Conflict Minerals Report as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of Form SD

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