

KROGER CO
Form SD
May 31, 2016

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM SD

Specialized Disclosure Report

THE KROGER CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

No. 1-303
(Commission File Number)

31-0345740
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1014 Vine Street

Cincinnati, OH 45202

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Christine S. Wheatley

Group Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

(513) 762-4000

(Name and telephone number, including area code, of the

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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, 2015.

Section 1 Conflict Minerals Disclosure

Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report

This Specialized Disclosure Report on Form SD is filed pursuant to Section 13(p) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Rule 13p-1 thereunder, for the reporting period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

A copy of The Kroger Co.'s Conflict Minerals Report for calendar year 2015 (the Report) is filed as Exhibit 1.01 hereto and is publicly available at ir.kroger.com. The Report contains a discussion of the good-faith reasonable country of origin inquiry undertaken by The Kroger Co. with respect to the reporting period, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 1.02 Exhibit

The Report is filed as Exhibit 1.01 to this Form SD and is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2 Exhibits

Item 2.01 Exhibits

Exhibit 1.01 Conflict Minerals Report for the reporting period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of this 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.

THE KROGER CO.

May 31, 2016

By:

/s/ Stacey M. Heiser
Stacey M. Heiser
Assistant Secretary

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