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

**FORM SD**

**SPECIALIZED DISCLOSURE REPORT**

**SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc.**

(Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-35883**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**27-1220297**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**9205 South Park Center Loop, Suite 400**  
**Orlando, Florida**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**32819**  
(Zip code)

**G. Anthony (Tony) Taylor**  
**Chief Legal Officer,**  
**General Counsel and Corporate**  
**Secretary (407) 226-5011**

(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, 2016.
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## **SECTION 1 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure**

### **ITEM 1.01 – Conflicts Minerals Disclosure and Report**

SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. has filed a Conflict Minerals Report for the reporting period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 which is provided as Exhibit 1.01 hereto and is also publicly available on its website at [www.seaworldentertainment.com](http://www.seaworldentertainment.com) under Investor Relations: Corporate Governance: Governance Documents: Ethical Sourcing: 2016 Conflict Minerals Report.

### **ITEM 1.02 – Exhibit**

The Conflict Minerals Report for the reporting period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 is filed as Exhibit 1.01 hereto.

## **SECTION 2 - Exhibits**

### **ITEM 2.01 Exhibits**

Exhibit 1.01 – Conflict Minerals Report for the reporting period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of this Form.

**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.

SEAWORLD ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

Date: May 31, 2017

By: /s/ G. Anthony (Tony) Taylor  
Name: G. Anthony (Tony) Taylor  
Title: Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary

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**Exhibit  
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1.01

**Description**

Conflict Minerals Report for the reporting period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

# SEAWORLD ENTERTAINMENT®

## Conflict Minerals Report For Calendar Year 2016

This is the Conflict Minerals Report (“Report”) of SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc. (the “Company,” “we,” “us,” or “our”) for calendar year 2016 in accordance with Rule 13p-1 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Rule 13p-1”).

### I. Introduction

The Company is a leading theme park and entertainment company providing experiences that matter™, and inspiring guests to protect animals and the wild wonders of our world. The Company is one of the world's foremost zoological organizations and a global leader in animal welfare, husbandry and veterinary care. The Company also rescues and rehabilitates marine and terrestrial animals that are ill, injured, orphaned or abandoned, with the goal of returning them to the wild. The Company owns or licenses a portfolio of recognized brands including *SeaWorld*®, *Busch Gardens*® and *Sea Rescue*®. Over its more than 50-year history, the Company has built a diversified portfolio of 12 destination and regional theme parks that are grouped in key markets across the United States. The Company's theme parks feature a diverse array of rides, shows and other attractions with broad demographic appeal which deliver memorable experiences and a strong value proposition for its guests.

We believe that columbite-tantalite (coltan), cassiterite, gold, wolframite, and their derivatives, which are limited to metallic forms of tantalum, tin and tungsten (“3TG”) are necessary to the functionality or production of certain retail products of the Company (the “In-Scope Products”). See the “Product Description” section of this Report for a description of the In-Scope Products which are available for purchase in our 12 destination and regional theme parks as well as our e-commerce sites.

Due to the length of the supply chain, we are far removed from the sources of ore from which these 3TG metals are produced and the smelters/refiners that process those ores; the efforts undertaken to identify the countries of origin of those ores reflect our circumstances and position in the supply chain. The amount of information available globally on the traceability and sourcing of these ores is limited at this time. We have taken steps to identify the applicable smelters and refiners of such 3TG metals in our supply chain; however, we believe that the smelters and refiners of the 3TG contained in the In-Scope Products are best situated to identify the sources and countries of origin of the 3TG. We rely on our suppliers to provide us with information on the origin of any 3TG contained in the In-Scope Products supplied to us. We do not directly manufacture the In-Scope Products but “contract to manufacture” from our suppliers branded and generic In-Scope Products containing 3TG. The efforts were undertaken on the exclusive and/or privately-branded In-Scope Products sourced directly by, and manufactured for, us in 2016.

### II. Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry (“RCOI”)

Direct suppliers of the In-Scope Products were asked to provide answers to the Supply Chain Questionnaire adapted from the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition-Global e-Sustainability Initiative (“EICC-GeSI”) Conflict Minerals Reporting Template reflecting the Company’s downstream position on the supply chain. The EICC-GeSI Conflict Minerals Reporting Template is regarded as the most common reporting tool for 3TG content and sourcing information worldwide, developed by several of the world’s leading consumer electronics companies.

We reviewed questionnaires received for completeness and consistency of answers. Suppliers were required to provide corrections and clarifications where needed. Information was collected and stored using an online platform provided by a third-party service provider.

We received responses from 89 (92%) of the 97 suppliers initially identified. The vast majority of the suppliers who did complete the questionnaire responded that the In-Scope Products they supplied us did not contain any 3TG necessary to the functionality or production of such products. We verified this using our own internal knowledge of the suppliers' products. Based on questionnaire responses and our further review of the In-Scope Products supplied, we identified 3 suppliers who manufactured In-Scope Products for us that contained 3TG necessary to the functionality or production of such products.

As such, we believe our RCOI process was reasonably designed and performed in good faith, but there are inherent limitations in the information provided to us by third parties, including the possibility of information being inaccurate, incomplete or falsified despite our efforts to validate and confirm the information.

### **III. Design of Due Diligence Framework**

We designed our due diligence framework to conform in all material respects with the OECD (2016), *OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas: Third Edition*, OECD Publishing.

### **IV. Due Diligence Measures Performed by the Company**

Due diligence measures performed include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Establishing an internal governance structure that included a cross functional conflict minerals steering committee and working group comprised of representatives from Procurement, Merchandise, Corporate Social Responsibility, Information Technology, Legal, Finance/Compliance and Investor Relations.
- Reporting to senior management on direct suppliers' responses to our 3TG information requests, including updates on monitoring and tracking corrective action and risk mitigation efforts (where applicable).
- Adopting a Conflict Minerals Policy, publicly available on our website at [www.seaworldentertainment.com](http://www.seaworldentertainment.com) under Investor Relations: Corporate Governance: Governance Documents: Ethical Sourcing: Conflict Minerals Policy.
- Using a third-party service provider to compare smelters and refiners identified by suppliers to the following independent third-party audit programs to determine which smelters and refineries have been validated conflict-free: (a) the Conflict Free Sourcing Initiative's (CFSI) Conflict-Free Smelter Program, (b) the London Bullion Market Association Good Delivery Program and (c) the Responsible Jewellery Council Chain-of-Custody Certification.
- Developing a risk mitigation plan that allows for continued trade with a supplier during the supplier's risk mitigation efforts.
- Supporting the development and implementation of independent third party audits of smelter/refiner's sourcing through our policy and procurement practices that encourage suppliers to purchase materials from audited smelters/refiners.

## V. Product Determination

We received inconclusive data from our direct suppliers and material source information is still developing. Therefore, we are unable to make a definitive determination about the source of 3TG in the In-Scope Products. At the same time, we received no information from our direct suppliers indicating that the 3TG directly or indirectly financed or benefitted armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or adjoining countries.

Of the 3 suppliers who manufactured In-Scope Products for us that contained 3TG necessary to the functionality or production of such products, 2 did not identify smelters or refineries. The remaining supplier identified the smelters or refineries and all of the identified smelters or refineries are on the list of the CFSI's Conflict Free Smelters list. The smelters and refineries identified by our supplier, and the location of these smelters and refineries and the countries of origin, are as follows:

<b>Metal</b>	<b>Smelter or Refinery Name</b>	<b>Sourcing Status</b>	<b>Facility Location</b>
Gold	Jiangxi Copper Company Limited	Validated as Conflict Free	China
Gold	Metalor Technologies SA	Validated as Conflict Free	Switzerland
Gold	Shandong Zhaojin Gold & Silver Refinery Co., Ltd.	Validated as Conflict Free	China
Gold	WIELAND Edelmetalle GmbH	Validated as Conflict Free	Germany
Tin	China Tin Group Co., Ltd.	Validated as Conflict Free	China
Tin	HuiChang Hill Tin Industry Co., Ltd.	Validated as Conflict Free	China
Tin	Jiangxi Ketai Advanced Material Co., Ltd.	Validated as Conflict Free	China
	<b>Identified Countries of Origin:</b> Burundi, DRC Congo (Kinshasa), Rwanda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam, Zimbabwe		

## VI. Product Description

The In-Scope Products are certain types of: (a) apparel or apparel products with trim, including, but not limited to, zippers, clasps on fashion accessories, buttons and buckles, (b) toys, (c) accessories, including watches and jewelry and (d) souvenirs, including key chains, magnets and other consumer goods.

## **VII. Steps to Improve Due Diligence**

We will continue to communicate our expectations and information requirements to our direct suppliers. We will also continue to monitor changes in circumstances that may impact the facts or our determination. Over time, we anticipate that the amount of information globally on the traceability and sourcing of these ores will increase and improve our knowledge. We will continue to make inquiries to our direct suppliers and undertake additional fact and risk assessments where potentially relevant changes in facts or circumstances are identified. New suppliers will be reviewed for conflict minerals conformance during initial business reviews. If we become aware of a supplier whose due diligence needs improvement, we intend to continue the trade relationship while that supplier improves its performance. We expect our suppliers to take similar measures with their suppliers to ensure alignment throughout the supply chain.

## **VIII. Independent Private Sector Audit (IPSA)**

As permitted by Rule 13p-1 and the SEC's April 29, 2014 statement relating to Rule 13p-1<sup>1</sup>, this Report has not been subject to an independent private sector audit.

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<sup>1</sup> Statement on the Effect of the Recent Court of Appeals Decision on the Conflict Minerals Rule. Keith F. Higgins, Director, SEC Director of Corporation Finance, April 29, 2014.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain of the matters discussed in this Report, including in particular, steps to improve due diligence, include forward-looking statements. Readers of this document are cautioned that our forward-looking statements are not guarantees of our future actions, which may differ materially from the expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements. We expressly disclaim a duty to provide updates to these forward-looking statements after the date of this filing to reflect events or changes in circumstances or changes in expectations or the occurrence of anticipated events.