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

# FORM SD Specialized Disclosure Report

# **NEOGEN CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan

0-17988

38-2367843

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

620 Lesher Place Lansing, MI 48912

(zip code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

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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, 2023.

# Section 1 – Conflict Minerals Disclosure

# **Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report**

#### **Introduction:**

This is the Conflict Minerals Disclosure of Neogen Corporation ("Neogen" or the "Company") for calendar year 2023. Certain terms in this report are defined in SEC Form SD.

In accordance with Section 1502 of the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Act") governing conflict minerals, registrants must determine whether any of the conflict minerals (defined by the Act as Tin (Cassiterite), Tungsten (Wolframite), Tantalum (Columbite-Tantalite or Coltan), and Gold (the "3TGs" or "Conflict Minerals")) are necessary to the functionality or production of a product manufactured by the registrant or contracted by the registrant to be manufactured. If so, the registrant must conduct a Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry ("RCOI") that is reasonably designed to determine whether any of such Conflict Minerals originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo ("DRC") or any adjoining country (together with the DRC, the "Covered Countries") or are from recycled or scrap sources.

# **Conflict Minerals Disclosure:**

Neogen Corporation's Conflict Minerals Report, filed as Exhibit 1.01 hereto, is publicly available on its website at www.neogen.com as well as on the Securities and Exchange Commission's EDGAR database at www.sec.gov. The content of any website referred to in this Form SD, and any information accessible through such website, is included for general information only and is not incorporated by reference in this Form SD nor deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Item 1.02 Exhibit

Neogen Corporation's Conflict Minerals Report for the year ended December 31, 2023 is filed as Exhibit 1.01 hereto.

# Section 2 - Resource Extraction Issuer Disclosure

Not applicable

# **Section 3 - Exhibits**

# **Item 3.01 Exhibits**

**Neogen Corporation** 

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

#### **Signatures**

(Registrant)

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.

Date: May 29, 2024

(registrant)	
/s/ David H. Naemura	
David H. Naemura	
Chief Financial Officer	

# Exhibit 1.01 Neogen Corporation Conflict Minerals Report 2023

# **Company Overview**

Neogen Corporation develops, manufactures and markets a diverse line of products and services dedicated to food and animal safety. Our Food Safety segment consists primarily of diagnostic test kits and complementary products (e.g., culture media) sold to food producers and processors to detect dangerous and/or unintended substances in human food and animal feed, such as foodborne pathogens, spoilage organisms, natural toxins, food allergens, genetic modifications, ruminant by-products, meat speciation, drug residues, pesticide residues and general sanitation concerns. Our diagnostic test kits are generally easier to use and provide quicker results than conventional diagnostic methods. The majority of the test kits are disposable, single-use, immunoassay and DNA detection products that rely on proprietary antibodies and RNA and DNA testing methodologies to produce rapid and accurate test results. Our expanding line of food safety products also includes genomics-based diagnostic technology, and advanced software systems that help testers to objectively analyze and store their results and perform analysis on the results from multiple locations over extended periods.

Neogen's Animal Safety segment is engaged in the development, manufacture, marketing and distribution of veterinary instruments, pharmaceuticals, vaccines, topicals, parasiticides, diagnostic products, rodent control products, cleaners, disinfectants, insect control products and genomics testing services for the worldwide animal safety market. The majority of these consumable products are marketed through veterinarians, retailers, livestock producers and animal health product distributors. Our line of drug detection products is sold worldwide for the detection of abused and therapeutic drugs in animals and animal products, and has expanded into the workplace and human forensic markets.

Neogen has determined that 3TG is necessary to the functionality of certain Neogen products, and Neogen must rely on third party suppliers to provide these components. As a result, Neogen has conducted certain reasonable country of origin inquires ("RCOI"), as described below.

### Description of Neogen's Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry and Due Diligence

Neogen's RCOI was reasonably designed and performed in good faith to determine whether the 3TGs contained in our products originated in the covered countries or were from recycled or scrap sources.

The Company's purchasing and procurement department used technical expertise, component specifications, and previously gathered data to determine the likely presence of 3TGs in components and materials contained in our products.

All suppliers of components or materials containing or possibly containing 3TGs were considered in-scope for our supplier outreach ("relevant suppliers"). The relevant suppliers were asked to electronically report to the Company using the Responsible Minerals Initiative ("RMI") Conflict Minerals Reporting Template ("CMRT"). Neogen requested that relevant suppliers increase their focus on providing complete and accurate smelter and refiner information, and conduct outreach and further due diligence when applicable in accord with the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") Guidance. Responses to the RCOI provided by relevant suppliers were reviewed for smelter information, completeness, and reasonableness. Based on the results of our RCOI, we were required to conduct due diligence. The design of our due diligence program and activities are described below.

Neogen has designed and implemented a conflict minerals compliance plan. Neogen, in accordance with guidance issued by the OECD, conducts a supply chain assessment based, where appropriate, upon OECD's established five-step framework:

- 1. Establish strong company management systems:
  - a. Continue to build and improve upon the internal conflict minerals team to help maintain Neogen's policy, reporting requirements, and a sustainable process for the future.
- 2. Identify and assess risks in the supply chain:
  - a. Assess existing and new suppliers via a supplier quality questionnaire to identify any potential conflict minerals in the supply chain;
  - b. Survey those suppliers that have been identified by submitting the RMI CMRT; and
  - c. Monitor Neogen's ERP system, which includes identification of conflict minerals within the supply chain.
- 3. Design and implement a strategy to respond to identified risks:

- a. Conduct a Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry for suppliers who submit a CMRT;
- b. Maintain a conflict minerals risk management plan to alleviate supplier risk; and
- c. Search for alternate suppliers if the current supplier does not provide a conflict minerals response.
- 4. Carry out independent third-party audit of supply chain due diligence:
  - a. Neogen does not have sufficient information to determine whether its products are free of 3TG that originates in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or an adjoining country. No independent private sector audit is performed at this time.
- 5. Report annually on supply chain due diligence:
  - a. Neogen files a Form SD with the SEC annually; and
  - b. Using our supply chain due diligence processes, the Company hopes to further develop transparency into the supply chain.

# **Results of Due Diligence**

After reviewing the submitted Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRTs) from the surveyed suppliers, a review of Neogen's products was performed. Through database-driven reports of Neogen's end products and the information provided by suppliers, we identified ten companies that supplied Neogen with 3TG products during the 2023 calendar year. Despite having conducted a good faith reasonable country of origin inquiry and due diligence, Neogen was unable to determine the origin of the 3TG in its supply chain due to insufficient information returned from its suppliers.

# **Risk Mitigation Efforts**

Neogen has taken or intends to undertake the following additional steps during the next compliance period. These steps are intended to improve the due diligence conducted to further mitigate risks:

- a. Continue to engage with our direct relevant suppliers and use the industry standard for our supplier outreach.
- b. Encourage relevant suppliers to continue development and progress of traceability measures.
- c. Provide risk-based feedback to certain suppliers during the "request for proposal" process to ensure certain material inputs are identified and documented.

# **Forward Looking Statements**

This Conflict Minerals Report contains forward-looking statements, which are based on our current expectations and involve numerous risks and uncertainties that may cause these forward-looking statements to be inaccurate. These statements include statements regarding our goals for future improvements to our reasonable country of origin process and to mitigate the risk associated with sourcing of our conflict minerals. All forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty. Risks that may cause these forward-looking statements to be inaccurate include: lack of cooperation or progress by our suppliers and our suppliers' respective suppliers and smelters; the possibility that we may receive inaccurate information from our supply base; and our diligence efforts and other plans may not be effective. In addition, you should also consider the important factors described in reports and documents that we file from time to time with the SEC. Except as required by law, we disclaim any obligation to update information contained in the forward-looking statement whether because of new information, future events, or otherwise.