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

# FORM SD

**Specialized Disclosure Report** 

# **Sypris Solutions, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

101 Bullitt Lane, Suite 450 Louisville, Kentucky (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 0-24020 (Commission File Number) 61-1321992 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 40222 (Zip Code)

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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, 2014.

# Section 1 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure

#### Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report

A copy of the Sypris Solutions, Inc. Conflict Minerals Report is provided as Exhibit 1.01 hereto and is publicly available at Investor Relations/Corporate Governance at: <u>http://www.sypris.com</u>.

#### Item 1.02 Exhibit

As specified in Section 2, Item 2.01 of this Form SD, the Company is hereby filing its Conflict Minerals Report as Exhibit 1.01 to this Form SD.

# Section 2 – Exhibits

### Item 2.01 Exhibits

Exhibit NumberDescription of Exhibit1.01Conflict Minerals Report 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 undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 29, 2015

# Sypris Solutions, Inc.

By: /s/ Anthony C. Allen

Anthony C. Allen Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



# CONFLICT MINERALS REPORT Sypris Solutions, Inc.

This Conflict Minerals Report ("Report") of Sypris Solutions, Inc. ("Sypris" or "we" or "our") for the year ended December 31, 2014 is presented to comply with Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Rule").

This Report includes the products of Sypris and its consolidated subsidiaries, and relates to the process undertaken for products that were manufactured during calendar year 2014 that may contain gold, columbite-tantalite (coltan), cassiterite, wolframite, or their derivatives, which are limited to tantalum, tin and tungsten ("Conflict Minerals") which may have directly or indirectly financed or benefited armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country ("Covered Countries").

#### **Business Overview**

Sypris is a diversified provider of outsourced services and specialty products. The Company performs a wide range of manufacturing, engineering, design, and other technical services, typically under multi-year, sole-source contracts with corporations and government agencies in the markets for truck components and assemblies and aerospace and defense electronics.

Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Sypris Technologies (exclusive of the Tube Turns brand) is a supplier of forged and machined components serving the commercial vehicle, off highway vehicle, and light truck markets in North America. We provide drivetrain components such as axle shafts, steer axle forgings and other components under sole-source contracts.

The Tube Turns brand of Sypris Technologies consists of engineered products, such as specialty closures, flanges and joints that supply the oil, gas and petrochemical market.

Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Sypris Electronics, is focused on providing solutions in secure communications, global electronic key management, data recording products, and product design and development to the U.S. Government, both defense and civilian agencies, international government agencies, and worldwide aerospace and defense prime contractors. Sypris Electronics is also focused on circuit card and full box build manufacturing, dedicated space and high reliability manufacturing, and design to specification work, as well as cyber security and analytics, including a variety of software, hardware and service solutions directed at operations and sensitive information protection.

#### **Conflict Minerals Program**

Our conflict minerals program is designed to be in conformity with the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas, Second Edition, and related Supplements on Tin, Tantalum, Tungsten and Gold (collectively, "OECD Guidance"), specifically as it relates to our position in the minerals supply chain as a "downstream" purchaser. As such, we have many tiers in our supply chain, and we do not have a direct relationship with smelters and refiners. We rely on direct tier suppliers to provide information on the smelters and refiners, as well as the origin of Conflict Minerals contained in parts, products or services supplied to us, including sources of Conflict Minerals that are supplied to them from their upstream suppliers.

#### **Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry**

We conducted our Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry ("RCOI") to determine whether Conflict Minerals found in our products originated in the Covered Countries and did not come from recycled or scrap sources. The RCOI process included identification of relevant suppliers, data collection, and data assessment to determine whether further due diligence was required.

Each of our businesses conducted a review and assessment of their direct material suppliers that were most likely to provide parts or products containing Conflict Minerals. We engaged the services of a third party vendor to survey the identified direct material suppliers ("Supplier Group") via the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition ("EICC")/Global eSustainment Initiative ("GeSI") Conflict Minerals Reporting Template ("CMRT"). For the 2014 reporting year, we offered the Supplier Group with web-based access to the CMRT. We rely on the Supplier Group to provide us with information concerning the origin of Conflict Minerals contained in the parts or products they supply to us. The Supplier Group then surveys their suppliers, and the survey process continues flowing down through the supply chain until the smelters and refiners are identified. Any break in the process results in incomplete information reported to us.

Based on the results of our RCOI, we do not have sufficient information to determine with specificity the source, mine or location of Conflict Minerals contained in our products. Therefore, we conducted due diligence on the source and chain of custody of the Conflict Minerals contained in our products.

#### **Due Diligence**

Our due diligence measures are designed to conform, in all material respects, with the OECD Guidance. The due diligence steps we performed are set forth below according to the five-step framework established by the OECD.

#### Step 1. Management Systems

*Conflict Minerals Policy*. We have adopted a conflict minerals policy that is available to our employees, suppliers and other interested parties and can be accessed internally in our corporate policies and externally on our website at Investor Relations/Corporate Governance at: <u>www.sypris.com</u>.

Internal Compliance Team. Sypris has established a management system for conflict minerals that includes an internal conflict minerals compliance team composed of members of management, including our Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate Controller, Director of Compliance, and persons responsible for supply chain activities at each of our businesses. The team is responsible for implementing our Conflict Minerals compliance strategy responsive to the Rule and the OECD Guidance.

*Control Systems.* Our internal control systems include the use of third-party data vendors, due diligence tools created by the Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative ("CFSI"), use of the CMRT, adherence to records management and retention processes, and data retention in an electronic database.

Supplier Engagement. The Sypris internal conflict minerals compliance team considers and implements supplier best practices for conflict minerals compliance. The Supplier Group was provided access to information and resources on conflict minerals and use of the CMRT, as well as contact information for parties responsible for our compliance.

*Grievance Mechanism.* Sypris has grievance mechanisms whereby employees and others can report violations of its policies, including the Conflict Minerals Policy. Our Code of Conduct is publicly available on our website.

#### Step 2. Identify and Assess Risks in the Supply Chain

*Distribute to and Request Information from Supplier Group.* Sypris distributed the CMRT to the Supplier Group to gather information from the supply chain, along with instructions and resources regarding completion of the CMRT.

*Review and Assessment of Responses from Supplier Group.* We reviewed responses from our supply chain against our criteria for assessing risk and whether further engagement was necessary. The criteria included no responses, incomplete responses or reasonableness in the data. We compared smelters and refiners identified by the Supplier Group against the list of facilities that have received a "conflict free" designation from the CFSI.

#### Step 3. Design and Implement a Strategy to Respond to Risks

Sypris has instituted the following risk management strategy:

- We have adopted a Conflict Minerals Policy.
- Senior management is briefed about our due diligence efforts on a regular basis.
- We have established a procedure for risk mitigation that includes monitoring, tracking and reporting progress to senior management.
- We distribute background information on the Rule and the CMRT to our Supplier Group so that they understand our expectations with respect to compliance with the Rule.

#### Step 4. Carry Out Independent Third-Party Audit of Supply Chain Due Diligence Practices

Due to our position in the supply chain, we rely on the CFSI program to determine if smelters and refiners in our supply chain are in compliance with the Conflict-Free Smelter Program assessment protocols and deemed to be conflict free.

#### Step 5. Report Annually on Supply Chain Due Diligence

This Conflict Minerals Report constitutes our annual report on our Conflict Minerals due diligence. It is available on our website at Investor Relations/Corporate Governance at: <a href="http://www.sypris.com">www.sypris.com</a> and is filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### **Report on Supply Chain Due Diligence**

#### Facilities Used to Process the Conflict Minerals in Products, If Known

As a downstream purchaser of conflict minerals, our due diligence measures can provide only reasonable assurance regarding the source and chain of custody of Conflict Minerals. Our due diligence processes are based on the necessity of seeking data from our Supplier Group and those suppliers seeking similar information within their supply chains to identify the original sources of the necessary conflict minerals. We also rely on information collected and provided by independent third party audit programs. Some of the responses from our Supplier Group provided information at the company level and provided a list of smelters for all their products, many of which are not supplied to us. Some of the responses did not contain a list of smelters. Therefore, we are unable to identify with certainty the specific facilities used to process the Conflict Minerals in our products.

#### Country of Origin of the Conflict Minerals in Products, if Known

We have not received a 100% response from our Supplier Group. Some of our suppliers provided country of origin information via the CMRT at the company level, representing the suppliers' entire product lines, and generally did not limit their responses to products they supplied to us. Some suppliers did not provide any information. Due to incompleteness of response information and because of our position in the supply chain, for the 2014 reporting year, we are unable to identify with certainty the origin of Conflict Minerals in our products.

#### Information on Country of Origin of Conflict Minerals

Sypris made an effort to determine the mine or location of origin with the greatest possible specificity, as follows:

- We conducted our RCOI to determine in-scope suppliers (Supplier Group).
- We surveyed the suppliers in our Supplier Group.
- We reviewed and analyzed submitted CMRTs for consistency and for risk areas.
- We reviewed and analyzed submitted CMRT's for completeness, consistency and for identification of smelters and refiners sourcing Conflict Minerals from the Covered Countries.

#### Steps We Have Taken or Will Take to Mitigate Risk

We have taken or intend to take the following steps to improve due diligence conducted and to further mitigate any future risk of sourcing Conflict Minerals that benefit armed groups:

- We have and will continue to work closely with the Supplier Group to obtain the necessary information on the origin of Conflict Minerals in parts, products or services sold to Sypris, which we expect will become available as more upstream suppliers receive the necessary information from their respective upstream suppliers and third party audit programs continue to grow and provide more visibility in determining whether manufactured products are sourced from the Covered Countries.
- We will continue our plan to review our annual supplier surveys and certifications with a view toward incorporation of Conflict Minerals provisions in the material.
- We will continue with our plan to review the inclusion of Conflict Minerals compliance provisions in supplier contracts.
- We will continue with our plan to engage with our Supplier Group and direct them to training resources to attempt to increase the response rate and improve the content of the CMRT responses.