

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

FORM SD  
Specialized Disclosure Report

COGNEX CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Massachusetts                                                                                                     | 001-34218                   | 04-2713778                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization)                                                 | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| One Vision Drive, Natick, Massachusetts                                                                           |                             | 01760-2059                           |
| (Address of principal executive offices)                                                                          |                             | (Zip Code)                           |
| Richard A. Morin, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer 508-650-3000 |                             |                                      |
| (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:

X Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13p-1) for the reporting period from January 1 to December 31, 2014.



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Section 1 - Conflicts Minerals Disclosure

Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report

Conflict Minerals Disclosure

In 2010, Congress passed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank) Section 1502 requiring the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to issue a rule specifically relating to the use of conflict minerals within manufactured products. Conflict minerals are defined by the U.S. Law as columbite-tantalite (coltan), cassiterite, gold, wolframite, or their derivatives, which are limited to tin, tantalum, and tungsten (collectively known as the 3TGs). The SEC rule requires any SEC registrant that manufactures, or contracts for the manufacture of, products that contain 3TGs that are necessary to the functionality or production of their products, to determine whether the conflict minerals originated from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and adjoining countries (collectively, the DRC Region), and, if so, whether the purchase of those conflict minerals directly or indirectly financed or benefited armed groups in the DRC Region. By enacting this provision, Congress intends to further the humanitarian goal of ending the violent conflict in the DRC Region, which has been partially financed by the exploitation and trade of conflict minerals originating in that area.

The Company has taken the actions described in its Conflict Minerals Report (CMR) to comply with this SEC rule for the period ended December 31, 2014. A copy of our CMR is included herewith as Exhibit 1.01 and is available on the World Wide Web at [www.cognex.com](http://www.cognex.com). The Report can be found on our website in the “Company” section under the caption “Environment Policies.”

Item 1.02 Exhibit

The Conflict Minerals Report required by Item 1.01 is filed as Exhibit 1.01 to this Form SD.

Section 2 - Exhibits

Item 2.01 Exhibits

Exhibit 1.01 - Conflict Minerals Report for the calendar year ended December 31, 2014

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.

COGNEX CORPORATION

Date

By: /s/ Richard A. Morin

May 28, 2015

Richard A. Morin

Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer