

KROGER CO  
Form SD  
May 24, 2017

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM SD**

**Specialized Disclosure Report**

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**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, 2016.

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**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, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

A copy of The Kroger Co.'s Conflict Minerals Report for calendar year 2016 (the Report) is filed as Exhibit 1.01 hereto and is publicly available at [ir.kroger.com](http://ir.kroger.com). The Report contains a discussion of the good-faith reasonable country of origin inquiry and due diligence measures 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, 2016 to December 31, 2016, 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 24, 2017

By:

*/s/ Christine S. Wheatley*

Christine S. Wheatley

Group Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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 SD.