

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

FORM SD  
Specialized Disclosure Report

**FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Indiana</b>	<b>0-362</b>	<b>35-0827455</b>
(State of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS employer identification no.)

<b>9255 Coverdale Road</b>	
<b>Fort Wayne, Indiana</b>	<b>46809</b>
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip code)

**John J. Haines**  
**(260) 824-2900**  
(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 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report**

Franklin Electric Co., Inc. (the “Company”) is providing this Form SD in accordance with Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Rule 13p-1”) for the reporting period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. The Company has filed its Conflict Minerals Report, which appears as Exhibit 1.01 hereto and is publicly available at [www.franklin-electric.com](http://www.franklin-electric.com).

### **Item 1.02 Exhibit**

A copy of the Company’s Conflict Minerals Report is provided as Exhibit 1.01 hereto.

## **Section 2 - Exhibits**

### **Item 2.01 Exhibits**

Exhibit 1.01 - Conflict Mineral Report as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of this Form.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC.

(Registrant)

Date: May 31, 2017

By /s/ John J. Haines

John J. Haines

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

**Franklin Electric Co., Inc.**  
**Conflict Mineral Report**  
**For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2016**

**Company Overview**

Franklin Electric Co., Inc. (the “Company”) is a global leader in the production and marketing of systems and components for the movement of water and automotive fuels. Recognized as a technical leader in its specialties, Franklin Electric serves customers around the world in residential, commercial, agricultural, industrial, municipal, and fueling applications. Franklin Electric has over 5,000 employees and sells more than 40,000 products into markets globally.

**Conflict Minerals Rule**

Rule 13p-1 (the “Rule”) requires disclosure of certain information when a company manufactures products for which the minerals specified in the Rule are necessary to the functionality or production of those products. The extent of the disclosure required depends upon whether such minerals originated from one of the Covered Countries specified in the Rule and are not from recycled or scrap sources. The specified minerals are gold, columbite-tantalite (coltan), cassiterite, wolframite, tantalum, tin and tungsten (the “Conflict Minerals”). The “Covered Countries” for purposes of the Rule are the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country which includes the Republic of the Congo, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Zambia and Angola.

**Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry**

The Company has conducted a good faith reasonable country of origin inquiry with respect to the Conflict Minerals that may be necessary for the functionality or the production of its products. To conduct the inquiry, the Company distributed a survey to its vendors that was based on the standardized EICC/GeSI Conflict Minerals Reporting Template and followed up with vendors where necessary. The inquiry was designed to determine whether any Conflict Minerals are present in the materials or products sourced from the vendor and, if so, whether any such Conflict Minerals originated in the Covered Countries or are derived from scrap sources. Based on this reasonable country of origin inquiry, the Company has no reason to believe that any of the Conflict Minerals that were necessary to the functionality or production of its manufactured or contracted to manufacture products originated in any of the Covered Countries.