

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM SD
Specialized Disclosure Report

CRONOS GROUP INC.

(Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter)

British Columbia, Canada

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-38403

(Commission File Number)

N/A

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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Toronto, Ontario

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(Zip Code)

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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.
- Rule 13q-1 under the Securities Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13q-1) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

Section 1 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure

Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report

A copy of the Conflict Minerals Report of Cronos Group Inc. ("Cronos") is provided as Exhibit 1.01 to this Form SD and is publicly available at <https://thecronosgroup.gcs-web.com/financial-information/sec-filings>. The information contained in, and that can be accessed through, the respective websites of Cronos and its subsidiaries is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a part of this Form SD or its Conflict Minerals Report or incorporated into any other filings Cronos makes with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 1.02 Exhibit

A copy of Cronos' Conflict Minerals Report is provided as Exhibit 1.01 to this Form SD.

Section 2 - Exhibits

Item 2.01 Exhibits

Exhibit 1.01 [Conflict Minerals Report 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.

Date: May 15, 2024

CRONOS GROUP INC.

By: /s/ Mike Gorenstein

Name: Mike Gorenstein

Title: Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

CRONOS GROUP INC.
CONFLICT MINERALS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Overview:

Cronos Group Inc. is an innovative global cannabinoid company committed to building disruptive intellectual property by advancing cannabis research, technology and product development and is building an iconic brand portfolio. References to “Cronos” in this report refer to Cronos Group Inc. and its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries and, if applicable, its joint ventures and investments accounted for by the equity method, unless otherwise specified or otherwise required. Cronos prepared this report for the reporting period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 (the “Reporting Period”) pursuant to Rule 13p-1 (the “Rule”) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) requires registrants that manufacture or contract to manufacture products containing conflict minerals (defined as columbite-tantalite (coltan), cassiterite, gold, wolframite, or their derivatives, which are limited to tantalum, tin, and tungsten) necessary to the functionality or production of those products (“3TG”) to file a Form SD. For products that contain 3TG, a registrant must conduct a reasonable country of origin inquiry (“RCOI”) designed to determine whether any of the 3TG originated in the Democratic Republic of Congo or an adjoining country (a “Covered Country”).

In accordance with the requirements of the Rule, Cronos conducted an analysis of Cronos’ products that are likely to contain 3TG necessary for their functionality or production. As a result of this analysis, Cronos reasonably determined that Peace Naturals Project Inc. (“Peace Naturals”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cronos, sold products containing 3TG during the Reporting Period. Cronos does not believe that any of its other operating companies sold products during the Reporting Period containing 3TG that are necessary to their functionality or production. The products containing 3TG sold by Peace Naturals during the Reporting Period were vaporizer devices and related vaporizer cartridges under the Spinach[®] and Lord Jones[®] brands (the “Peace Products”). The products were supplied by one supplier.

Based on its findings, Cronos’ cross-functional Conflict Minerals Team (as defined below) performed an RCOI to determine if any 3TG necessary to the functionality or production of the Peace Products may have originated in a Covered Country. Cronos and Peace Naturals do not have a direct relationship with any 3TG smelters or refiners. Cronos relied on Peace Naturals’ direct supplier to coordinate with its lower-tier (upstream) suppliers to obtain accurate information about the origins of 3TG in the goods provided to Peace Naturals. Therefore, a critical part of the RCOI involved engaging with Peace Naturals’ direct supplier. The Conflict Minerals Team provided Peace Naturals’ direct supplier with a notice letter describing the requirements of the Rule and Cronos’ reporting obligations and requested that the direct supplier of goods provide information using the template developed by the Responsible Minerals Initiative (“RMI”, formerly the Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative), known as the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (the “CMRT”). The information provided by the direct supplier

was certified by an authorized officer of such supplier. The Conflict Minerals Team reviewed the direct supplier's CMRT responses for completeness. The direct supplier indicated the presence of 3TG in components of the Peace Products and reported that the 3TG in such supplied components did not originate in any Covered Country.

Description of Cronos' RCOI and Due Diligence Framework:

Cronos established a management system to support supply chain due diligence related to 3TG that includes an internal team from functional areas such as procurement, product development, finance and legal (the "Conflict Minerals Team"). The Conflict Minerals Team designed its 3TG due diligence process based on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas, Third Edition. This process contains the following five steps:

- Step 1. Establish Strong Company Management Systems
- Step 2. Identify and Assess Risks in the Supply Chain
- Step 3. Design and Implement a Strategy to Respond to Identified Risks
- Step 4. Carry Out Independent Third-Party Audit of Smelter/Refiner's Due Diligence Practices
- Step 5. Report Annually on Supply Chain Due Diligence

Step 1. Establish Strong Company Management Systems

Conflict Minerals Procedure

Cronos has an internal 3TG procedure that defines the process for conducting RCOI and due diligence regarding the use of 3TG and for preparing the forms and reports required by the Rule.

Conflict Minerals Team

As noted above, Cronos established the Conflict Minerals Team to support supply chain due diligence related to 3TG. The Conflict Minerals Team is responsible for implementing and conducting 3TG due diligence on behalf of Cronos' operating companies.

System of Controls and Transparency and Supplier Engagement

As noted above, Cronos engages with its direct suppliers of products that may contain 3TG to certify whether the products they supply to Cronos in that calendar year contain 3TG and, if so, to complete the CMRT. Based on responses to such CMRT, Cronos may request that direct suppliers contact each of their upstream suppliers and request certifications regarding whether the components that they provided contained 3TG and, if so, the source of the 3TG in those components. If a report warrants clarification or confirmation, the Conflict Minerals Team may contact the direct supplier to clarify or confirm information and responses of both the direct supplier and upstream suppliers.

Grievance Mechanism

Cronos has internal reporting mechanisms to receive and act on concerns expressed by employees regarding possible improper or unethical business practices or violations of company

policies (including Cronos' Code of Business Conduct and Ethics), laws, or regulations. Suppliers and others may also notify Cronos of potential improper or unethical business practices or violations of company policies, laws, or regulations through reporting channels set forth in Cronos' Code of Business Conduct and Ethics available on Cronos' website at <https://ir.thecronosgroup.com/governance/documents-charters>.

Step 2. Identify and Assess Risks in the Supply Chain

As described in the summary of the RCOI above, the Conflict Minerals Team engaged with Peace Naturals' direct suppliers to evaluate the source of 3TG in the Peace Products. Upon receiving the suppliers' responses to the CMRT, as certified by an authorized officer of each supplier, members of the Conflict Minerals Team review the information for completeness. The Conflict Minerals Team's review also includes checking all identified smelters and refiners against RMI's Responsible Minerals Assurance Process database (the "Smelter and Refiner Database"). All smelters and refiners identified in the direct supplier's supply chains on its CMRT were listed as conformant with the relevant Responsible Minerals Assurance Process assessment protocols in the Smelter and Refiner Database as of May 7, 2024, as identified on [Table A](#) below (including their RMI smelter identification number).

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

The Conflict Minerals Team oversees the design, implementation, and results of our 3TG due diligence procedures. The Conflict Minerals Team continues to monitor progress, risks, and potential issues to identify opportunities to enhance and strengthen Cronos' approach in response to identified risks. Cronos was unable to identify with specificity the countries of origin of 3TG in its goods because Cronos does not have a direct relationship with the direct supplier's smelters or refiners. The Conflict Minerals Team believes that the fact that the direct supplier's smelters and refiners are identified as conformant with the relevant Responsible Minerals Assurance Process assessment protocols in the Smelter and Refiner Database as of May 7, 2024 helps mitigate this risk.

Step 4. Carry Out Independent Third-Party Audit of Smelter/Refiner's Due Diligence Practices

Cronos does not have direct relationships with 3TG smelters and refiners and, as such, does not perform direct audits of the entities that provide its supply chain with 3TG. Cronos, however, supports and relies on audits of 3TG smelters and refiners conducted by third parties through their participation in the RMI's Responsible Minerals Assurance Process.

Step 5. Report Annually on Supply Chain Due Diligence

This report constitutes Cronos' annual report on its 3TG due diligence and is publicly available at <https://thecronosgroup.gcs-web.com/financial-information/sec-filings>. The information contained in, and that can be accessed through, the respective websites of Cronos and its subsidiaries is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a part of this report or the related Form SD or incorporated into any other filings Cronos makes with the SEC.

Table A

Summary of Identified Smelters and Refiners

Metal	Standard Smelter Name*	RMI Smelter ID No.	Smelter Country
Tin	China Tin Group Co., Ltd.	CID001070	China

* Each of the smelters and/or refiners listed in Table A is conformant with the relevant Responsible Minerals Assurance Process assessment protocols per the Smelter and Refiner Database as of May 7, 2024.