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**Form SD
Specialized Disclosure Report**

Orion Energy Systems, Inc.

Wisconsin

(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

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

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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, 2016.

Section 1 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure

Item 1.01 Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report

Conflicts Minerals Disclosure

This Form SD of Orion Energy Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) is filed pursuant to Rule 13p-1 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, for the reporting period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

The Company performed a reasonable country of origin inquiry, in which it surveyed suppliers regarding whether its necessary cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, wolframite, gold, and their derivatives, which are limited to tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold (conflict minerals), have been sourced from the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country (Covered Countries). Most of the responses the Company received indicated that the conflict minerals in the suppliers’ components and materials either 1) did not originate from a Covered Country, 2) were not necessary to the functionality of the components and materials, 3) originated from scrap or recycled sources or 4) the source country was undeterminable.

During its reasonable country of origin inquiry, the Company determined that some of its necessary conflict minerals used in high efficient lighting systems may have been sourced from a Covered Country. In conducting its due diligence, the Company implemented the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas (OECD 2011), an internationally recognized due diligence framework. The Conflict Minerals Report includes a discussion of the due diligence procedures performed and the disclosures required by the SEC.

A copy of the Company’s Conflict Minerals Report is provided as Exhibit 1.01 to this Form SD and is publicly available at www.oesx.com.

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 report.

Section 2-Exhibits

Item 2.01 Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed as part of this report.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.01	Conflict Minerals Report of Orion Energy Systems, Inc.

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 24, 2017

ORION ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael J. Potts

Michael J. Potts

Chief Risk Officer and Executive Vice President

**Conflict Minerals Report of Orion Energy Systems, Inc.
in Accordance with Rule 13p-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

This is the Conflict Minerals Report (the “Report”) of Orion Energy Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) for calendar year 2016 in accordance with Rule 13p-1 (“Rule 13p-1”) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The Company undertook due diligence to determine whether the necessary cassiterite, columbite-tantalite, wolframite, gold, and their derivatives, which are limited to tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold (conflict minerals), used in the development and manufacture of high efficient lighting systems have been sourced from the Democratic Republic of the Congo or an adjoining country (Covered Countries). In conducting its due diligence, the Company implemented the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas (OECD 2011), an internationally recognized due diligence framework. The Company designed its due diligence to provide a reasonable basis for the Company to determine whether any conflict minerals were sourced from a Covered Country.

The Company has determined in good faith that for calendar year 2016, its conflict minerals status resulting from its due diligence efforts shows a portion to be DRC conflict undeterminable and the remainder to be DRC conflict free. These determinations were made based on the diligence measures described below and on representations made by the Company’s suppliers. This Report has not been subject to an independent private sector audit as allowed under Rule 13p-1.

The Company’s due diligence measures were based on the Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition and Global e-Sustainability (“EICC/GeSI”) initiative with the smelters and refiners of conflict minerals who provide those conflict minerals to the Company’s suppliers. As a company in the lighting industry, the Company is several levels removed from the actual mining of conflict minerals. The Company does not make purchases of raw ore or unrefined conflict minerals and makes no direct purchases in the Covered Countries.

The Company’s due diligence measures included:

- Conducting a supply-chain survey with direct suppliers of materials containing conflict minerals using the EICC/GeSI Conflict Minerals Reporting Template to identify the smelters and refiners. The template was developed to facilitate disclosure and communication of information regarding smelters that provide materials to a company’s supply chain. It includes questions regarding a direct supplier’s conflict minerals policy, engagement with its direct suppliers, origin of conflict minerals included in its products, supplier due diligence and a listing of the smelters the supplier and its suppliers use.
- Comparing the smelters and refiners identified in the supply-chain survey against the list of smelter facilities which have been identified as “conflict free” by programs such as the EICC/GeSI Conflict Free Smelter (CFS) program.

In an effort to obtain the highest practicable response rate, the Company's process included multiple rounds of communication and follow-up mail, e-mail and telephone calls. The Company received a response all of its suppliers. The Company reviewed the responses and followed up with certain suppliers to clarify any inconsistencies or incomplete items. As a Company several layers removed from the actual mining or procurement of conflicts minerals, the Company relied on its suppliers representations and largely focused on the accuracy and quality of the representations made during the due diligence process to determine whether further inquiry was warranted.

Most of the responses the Company received indicated that the conflicts minerals in the suppliers' components and materials either 1) did not originate from a Covered Country, 2) were not necessary to the functionality of the components and materials 3) originated from scrap or recycled sources, or 4) the source country was undeterminable.

As a result of the due diligence measures described above, the Company has determined that some electrical components used in its light-emitting diode (LED) drivers are DRC conflict undeterminable. The Company makes this determination due to a lack of information from its suppliers for certain electrical components to conclude whether the necessary conflict minerals originated in the Covered Countries and, if so, whether the necessary conflict minerals were from recycle or scrap sources, were DRC conflict free or have not been found to be DRC conflict free. In addition, the Company has no reason to believe that the remaining components of the Company's manufacturing process and products may have originated in a Covered Country and, accordingly, were determined to be DRC conflict free.

Because most of the information the Company received from its suppliers in its reasonable country of origin inquiry and in the Company's due diligence processes was reported at an "enterprise" or corporate level, and because the quality of the responses the Company received varied considerably, the Company is unable to validate whether any smelters or refiners identified by our suppliers source from or are located in the Covered Countries or are actually in the Company's supply chain. As a result, the Company is not providing an aggregated list of the smelters and refiners in the Company's supply chain or an aggregated list of the potential countries of origin from which those smelters and refiners collectively source conflict minerals.

In the next compliance period, the Company intends to continue to improve the information gathered from its due diligence to further mitigate the risk that its necessary conflict minerals do not benefit armed groups in Covered Counties. The steps include:

- Continuing to engage suppliers to obtain current, accurate, and complete information about the supply chain.
- Encouraging suppliers to implement responsible sourcing and to have them encourage smelters and refiners to obtain "conflict-free" designation from an independent, third-party auditor.
- Continuing to work with peers, suppliers and industry groups to define and improve best practices.
- Focusing efforts to determine the source of components that the Company identified as DRC conflict undeterminable.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Conflict Minerals Report contains forward-looking statements intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this Conflict Minerals Report, including, without limitation, statements regarding the Company's conflict mineral compliance plans, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words "targets," "plans," "believes," "expects," "intends," "will," "likely," "may," "anticipates," "estimates," "projects," "should," "would," "positioned," "strategy," "future" or phrases or terms of similar substance or the negative thereof or similar terminology generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors, some of which are beyond the Company's control. Numerous important factors described in this Conflict Minerals Report, including, among others, the Company's suppliers' willingness and ability to comply with the Company's conflict minerals-related smelters and refiners, the impact of industry-wide initiatives such as the Conflict-Free Smelter Program, smelters' and refiners' willingness and ability to comply with the Conflict-Free Smelter Program, the Company's effectiveness in managing the conflict minerals reasonable country of origin inquiry and due diligence processes, and the costs of the Company's compliance, could affect these statements and could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Conflict Minerals Report. The Company assumes no obligation, and disclaims any duty, to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.