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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Yeh Shu-Hua (Joshua)</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.</u> <u>13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD.</u> (Street) <u>SUGAR LAND TX 77478</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. [AAOI]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) *** See Remarks |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/07/2017</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | 03/07/2017 | | s | | 1,500 | D | \$53.5 ⁽¹⁾ | 133,242 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | 03/07/2017 | | s | | 2,000 | D | \$54 ⁽²⁾ | 131,242 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | 03/07/2017 | | s | | 1,500 | D | \$54.5 ⁽³⁾ | 129,742 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The shares were sold in multiple transactions on March 7, 2017 at an actual sale price \$53.50 per share. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- The shares were sold in multiple transactions on March 7, 2017 at an actual sale price \$54.00 per share. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
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Remarks:

*** Asia General Manager and Senior Vice President of Network Equipment Module Business Unit

/s/ David C. Kuo, attorney in fact for Shu-Hua (Joshua) Yeh 03/09/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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