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Attention: Russell Mancuso
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Re: Amendment No. 1 to Draft Registration Statement on Form S-1 for Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are submitting this letter on behalf of Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. (the "**Company**") to the staff (the "**Staff**") of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") as a courtesy to the Staff in connection with the Company's draft Registration Statement confidentially submitted pursuant to the JOBS Act on April 4, 2013 (the "**Registration Statement**"). The Company is concurrently submitting on a confidential basis Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement ("**Amendment No. 1**"), marked in accordance with Rule 310 of Regulation S-T. For the convenience of the Staff, we are providing by courier delivery to the Staff a copy of this letter and four marked copies of Amendment No. 1 (against the initial Registration Statement confidentially submitted on April 4, 2013).

If you should have any questions regarding the above or the Registration Statement, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (713) 425-8446.

Very truly yours,

DLA Piper LLP (US)

/s/ Frank Wu

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