# **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 7, 2013

Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or incorporation)

001-36083 (Commission File Number) 76-0533927 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

13115 Jess Pirtle Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77478 (address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(281) 295-1800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- £ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- £ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- £ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- £ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On November 7, 2013 Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release regarding the Company's financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2013. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The information furnished in this Current Report under this Item 2.02 and the exhibits attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

# ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

# **Exhibit Number Description**

99.1 Press release dated November 7, 2013 issued by Applied Optoelectronics, Inc., filed herewith.

# **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 undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.

By: /s/ James L. Dunn, Jr.

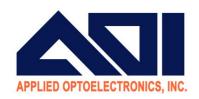
James L. Dunn, Jr.

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 7, 2013

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Description of Exhibits
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## **Applied Optoelectronics Reports Third Quarter 2013 Results**

#### **Key Highlights**

- · Record revenue of \$20.8 million, grew 26 percent year-over-year and 6 percent sequentially
- Data center revenue of \$3.2 million grew 229% year-over-year
- · Achieved non-GAAP net income of \$0.6 million
- · Launched new 40G transceiver for data center market
- · Raised \$33.5 million in net proceeds from IPO

Sugar Land, TX, November 7, 2013 – Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. (NASDAQ: AAOI), a leading provider of fiber-optic access network products for the cable broadband, internet data center, and fiber-to-the-home markets, today announced its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2013.

"We are very pleased to report record revenue of \$20.8 million and record profitability for the third quarter of 2013. In the internet data center market, the success of our 10G transceivers and recent release of 40G transceivers provides an additional growth driver on top of our leadership position in the CATV broadband market," said Thompson Lin, AOI's Founder and CEO.

"Completing our IPO provides the needed capital for manufacturing expansion that we have already put to work. In October, we expanded our data center 40G transceiver manufacturing capacity. We expect to invest an additional \$4.1 million in machinery and equipment before year-end to meet growing data center and FTTH demand," concluded Dr. Lin.

#### **Third Quarter Financial Summary**

- Total revenue grew \$4.4 million or 26 percent year-over-year to \$20.8 million, compared with \$16.4 million in the third quarter of 2012
- Gross margin improved to 30.4 percent, up 260 basis points when compared with 27.8 percent in the second quarter of 2013
- · Non-GAAP gross margin improved to 30.5 percent, up 260 basis points when compared with 27.9 percent in the second quarter of 2013
- · Non-GAAP operating income was \$0.8 million, compared with non-GAAP operating income of \$0.2 million in the second quarter of 2013 and non-GAAP operating loss of \$0.1 million in the third quarter of 2012
- · GAAP net income was \$0.4 million, compared with net loss of \$0.3 million in the second quarter of 2013 and net loss of \$0.4 million in the third quarter of 2012
- · Non-GAAP net income was \$0.6 million, compared with non-GAAP net loss of \$0.1 million in the second quarter of 2013 and non-GAAP net loss of \$0.2 million in the third quarter of 2012
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$1.8 million, compared with \$1.0 million in the second quarter of 2013 and \$0.9 million in the third quarter of 2012
- · At September 30, 2013, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$8.4 million. On October 1, 2013, the company received \$33.5 million in net proceeds from the company's initial public offering and used \$11.8 million of those proceeds in October to reduce debt.

A reconciliation between all GAAP and non-GAAP information referenced above is contained in the tables below. Please also refer to "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below for a description of these Non-GAAP financial measures.

# Fourth Quarter 2013 Business Outlook<sup>(+)</sup>

AOI's outlook for the fourth quarter of 2013 primarily reflects continued growth in the internet data center market and new revenue from the FTTH market. The company currently expects:

- · Revenue in the range of \$23.0 million to \$23.8 million
- · On a non-GAAP basis net income in the range of \$0.6 million to \$1.0 million, and fully diluted earnings per share in the range of \$0.04 to \$0.07, using approximately 14.1 million shares

(+)Please refer to the note below on forward-looking statements and the risks involved with such statements as well as the note on Non-GAAP financial measures.

#### **Conference Call Information**

Applied Optoelectronics will host a conference call for analysts and investors to discuss its third quarter of 2013 results and outlook for its fourth quarter of 2013 today, November 7th at 4:30 p.m. Eastern time / 1:30 p.m. Pacific time. Open to the public, investors may access the call by dialing (480) 629-9760. A live audio webcast and presentation of the conference call along with supplemental financial information will also be accessible on the company's website at investors.ao-inc.com. Following the webcast, an archived version will be available on the website for one year. A telephonic replay of the call will be available two hours after the call and will run for five business days and may be accessed by dialing (303) 590-3030 and using the passcode 4645351.

#### **Forward-Looking Information**

This press release contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions and current expectations, which could cause the company's actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to: reduction in the size or quantity of customer orders; change in demand for the company's products due to industry conditions; changes in manufacturing operations; volatility in manufacturing costs; delays in shipments of products; disruptions in the supply chain; change in the rate of design wins or the rate of customer acceptance of new products; the company's reliance on a small number of customers for a substantial portion of its revenues; potential pricing pressure; a decline in demand for our customers products or their rate of deployment of their products; general conditions in the CATV, internet data center or FTTH markets; changes in the world economy (particularly in the United States, and China); the negative effects of seasonality; and other risks and uncertainties described more fully in the company's documents filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about these and other risks that may impact the company's business are set forth in the "Risk Factors" section of the company's Prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and effective on September 25, 2013. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," or "estimates" or by other similar expressions that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes. You should not rely on forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. All forward-looking statements in this press release are based upon information available to us as of the date hereof, and qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. Except as required by

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We provide Non-GAAP gross margin, Non-GAAP operating income (loss), Non-GAAP net income (loss), Non-GAAP earnings per share, and other non-GAAP measures like Adjusted EBITDA to eliminate the impact of items that we do not consider indicative of our overall operating performance. To arrive at our non-GAAP gross profit, we exclude stock-based compensation expense from our GAAP gross profit. To arrive at our non-GAAP income (loss) from operations, we exclude all amortization of intangible assets, stock-based compensation expense and non-recurring consulting fees, if any, from our GAAP net income (loss) from operations. To arrive at Adjusted EBITDA, we exclude these same items and, additionally, exclude asset impairment charges, loss (gain) from disposal of idle assets, unrealized exchange loss (gain), interest (income) expense, on a net basis, provision for (benefit from) income taxes and depreciation expense, from our GAAP net income (loss). We believe that our non-GAAP measures are useful to investors in evaluating our operating performance for the following reasons:

- We believe that elimination of items such as stock-based compensation expense, amortization and tax is appropriate because treatment of these items may vary for reasons unrelated to our overall operating performance;
- · We believe that non-GAAP measures provide better comparability with our past financial performance, period-to-period results and with our peer companies, many of which also use similar non-GAAP financial measures; and
- We anticipate that investors and securities analysts will utilize non-GAAP measures to evaluate our overall operating performance.

Adjusted EBITDA and other non-GAAP measures should not be considered as an alternative to gross profit, income (loss) from operations, net income (loss) or any other measure of financial performance calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. Our Adjusted EBITDA and other non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other organizations because other organizations may not calculate Adjusted EBITDA or such other non-GAAP measures in the same manner.

#### **About Applied Optoelectronics**

Applied Optoelectronics Inc. (AOI) is a leading developer and manufacturer of advanced optical products, including components, modules, and equipment. AOI's products are the building blocks for broadband fiber access networks around the world, where they are used in the CATV broadband, internet datacenter, and fiber-to-the-home markets. AOI supplies optical networking lasers, components and equipment to tier 1 customers in all three of these markets. In addition to its corporate headquarters, wafer fab and advanced engineering and production facilities in Sugar Land, TX, AOI has engineering and manufacturing facilities in Taipei, Taiwan and Ningbo, China. For additional information, visit www.ao-inc.com.

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# Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. Preliminary Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

**Three Months Ended Nine Months Ended** September 30, September 30, 2013 2012 2013 2012 Total Revenues 20,766 16,416 54,680 44,559 Total Cost of Revenue 14,445 11,743 38,327 31,074 Total Gross Profit 16,353 6,321 4,673 13,485 Operating Expenses: Research & Development 2,095 5,379 2,211 6,112 Sales and Marketing 1,034 756 2,994 2,369 General and administrative 2,436 1,978 7,257 5,890 5,681 4,829 16,363 Total Operating Expenses 13,638 **Operating Income (Loss)** 640 (156)(10)(153)Other Income (Expense): 15 49 Interest Income 12 (350)(925)Interest Expense (323)(1,067)Other Income 266 66 0 63 Other Expense (8) 120 (265)148 (225) (844) Total Other Income (Expenses): (250)(875) Net Income (loss) 390 (381)(885)(997)Net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders basic 0.04 (1.43)(3.25)(3.76)diluted 0.04 (1.43)(3.25)(3.76)Weighted-average shares used to compute net income (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders basic 8,995 266 273 265 diluted 9,155 273 265 266

# Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. Preliminary Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

September 30, 2013		December 31, 2012	
\$	8,356	\$	11,226
	17,043		13,525
	16,421		12,493
	_		1,034
	360		106
	3,405		862
\$	45,585	\$	39,246
	27,125		24,838
	957		674
	828		795
	1,439		195
\$	75,934	\$	65,748
	11,282		6,913
	_		-
			3,243
			1,521
	11,355		13,657
	740		243
\$	29,974	\$	25,577
	14,618		9,163
\$	44,592	\$	34,740
	105,801		105,367
	1,222		1,074
			4,468
			2,016
	(82,802)		(81,917)
\$	31,342	\$	31,008
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