

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Lin Chih-Hsiang (Thompson)</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. 13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD.  (Street) SUGAR LAND TX 77478  (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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President and CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/20/2017</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	09/20/2017		M		30,000	A	\$9.96	464,763	D	
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	09/20/2017		F <sup>(1)</sup>		15,166	D	\$67.23	449,597	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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$9.96	09/20/2017		M			30,000	(2)	09/26/2023	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	30,000	\$0	473,905	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents a "net exercise" of outstanding stock options. The reporting person received 14,834 shares of common stock on net exercise of option to purchase 30,000 shares of common stock. The Company withheld 15,166 shares of common stock underlying the option for payment of the exercise price and tax withholdings, using the closing stock price on September 20, 2017 of \$67.23, pursuant to the terms of the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.
- The stock option award (combined incentive stock option and non-qualified stock option) vested as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on September 26, 2014 and 1/8th of the shares vest every six months thereafter.

/s/ David C. Kuo, attorney in fact for Chih-Hsiang (Thompson) Lin 09/22/2017

\*\* 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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