

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
March 9, 2018**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.**

**File No. 1-36083 - CF#35936**

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Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 8-K filed on February 21, 2018.

Based on representations by Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.1	through February 21, 2021
Exhibit 10.2	through February 21, 2021

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

Brent J. Fields  
Secretary