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Applied Optoelectronics Appoints New CFO

SUGAR LAND, TX, December 10, 2012 – Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. (AOI), a leading manufacturer of laser diodes, photodetectors, and optical modules for fiber optic communications systems, announced the appointment of James L. Dunn, Jr. as its new Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Dunn has over 20 years of combined accounting and legal experience as a public company executive. As a member of AOI's senior executive team, Mr. Dunn will focus on the company's global finance and accounting responsibilities, capital formation, and investor relations functions.

“As we continue down our aggressive growth path, we are pleased to add a seasoned professional like Mr. Dunn to our senior management team. His many years as CFO as a public company executive provides a wealth of experience to AOI,” announced Dr. Thompson Lin, President and CEO of AOI. “We welcome James to our team and look forward to his contribution,” concluded Dr. Lin.

Over his 30 year career, Mr. Dunn has held positions as CFO and General Counsel in a variety of industries including software, telecommunications and plastics manufacturing. Prior to joining AOI, he served as CFO of a high temperature plastics manufacturing company that manufactured and sold products from the US, Taiwan and China. Notably, Mr. Dunn was co-founder and CFO of iLinc Communications from its IPO in 1998 until iLinc was successfully sold ten years later. Mr. Dunn is a certified public accountant and attorney. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration – Accounting from Texas A&M University, and a Juris Doctor degree from Southern Methodist University.

“I am excited to join AOI and by the tremendous growth opportunity that it presents,” explained Mr. Dunn. “AOI's innovative optical technology and impressive year-over-year growth provides terrific foundation upon which we can build. I am very pleased to join AOI and look forward to leveraging my experience to AOI's benefit,” concluded Mr. Dunn.

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