FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Yeh Shu-Hua (Joshua) | | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. [AAOI] | | | | | | | | | | (Check all app Direct V Office | | olicable) etor er (give title | ng Pers | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below) | | |
|---|--|--------|--|---|-------|-------|--|--------------|-------------|----|-----------------------------|--------|--|----------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. 13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD. | | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2019 | | | | | | | | | | | belov | *** See | Rema | , | | |
| (Street) SUGAR LAND TX 77478 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | | | Execution I | | | Tr | | | ties Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | | Securi Benefi Owned | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | nership Direct Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | C | ode | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (111501. 4) | | | |
| Common | Stock, \$. | 2/2019 | /2019 | | | | F | | 701(1) | | D | \$16.5 | | 9 91,696 | | | D | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value 01/22/ | | | | | | | | | | | F | | 599 ⁽²⁾ | | D \$16 | | 6.59 91 | | 1,097 | | 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. Conversic or Exercis Price of Derivative Security | on l | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, | | Transaction Code (Instr. | | n of | | ate Ex iratior nth/Da | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4) | | | | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | wnership orm: rect (D) Indirect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exer | e rcisab | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nui of | ount mber ares | r | | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Reflects shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax-withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock unit award granted on February 21, 2017.
- 2. Reflects shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax-withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock unit award granted on February 6, 2018.

Remarks

*** Senior Vice President and Asia General Manager

/s/ David C. Kuo, attorney in fact for Shu-Hua (Joshua) Yeh

01/24/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly.$

- * 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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