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): October 8, 2018

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

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

13139 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)

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 8, 2018, Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. (the "Company"), entered into a First Amendment to Lease Agreement (the "Amendment") with GIG VAOI Breckinridge, LLC (the "Lessor") covering the premises located at 3025 Breckinridge Boulevard, Suite 130, Duluth, Georgia 30096 (the "Premise"). The Amendment, effective as of October 8, 2018, amends the original Lease Agreement between the Company and Lessor, dated November 1, 2015.

Pursuant to the Amendment, the Company and Lessor agree to extend the lease term for an additional thirty-six (36) months commencing on December 1, 2018 and expiring on November 30, 2021. The Company agrees to pay a base monthly rent of \$2,983.00 to Lessor for the rental period between December 1, 2018 and November 30, 2019; a base monthly rent of \$3,072.49 for the rental period between December 1, 2019 and November 30, 2020; and a base monthly rent of \$3,164.67 for the rental period between December 1, 2020 and November 30, 2021.

The foregoing description of the Amendment does not purport to be a complete statement of the parties' rights and obligations under the Amendment and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amendment, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information contained in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K with respect to the Amendment is incorporated by reference herein and made a part hereof.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

10.1 First Amendment to Lease, dated October 8, 2018, between Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. and GIG VAOI Breckinridge, LLC.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 12, 2018

APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.

By:/s/ DAVID C. KUONameDAVID C. KUO,Title:General Counsel and Secretary

FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE

THIS **FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE** (the "**Amendment**") is made and entered into this 8th day of October, 2018, by and between **GIG VAOI Breckinridge, LLC**, a Georgia limited liability company, having an address at 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1200, Atlanta, Georgia 30326 (hereinafter called "**Landlord**" or "**Lessor**"), and **Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation having an address at 3025 Breckinridge Boulevard, Suite 130, Duluth, Georgia 30096 (hereinafter called "**Tenant**" or "**Lessee**").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Landlord and Tenant are parties to that certain Lease dated November 1, 2015, by and between Tenant and Landlord (collectively, the "Lease");

WHEREAS, the Term of the Lease is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2018, and Landlord and Tenant desire to extend the Term of the Lease, and make additional amendments to the Lease, as more particularly set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are specifically incorporated in this Amendment by this reference.
- 2. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms in this Amendment that are not defined in the Amendment shall have the same meaning as in the Lease.
- 3. <u>Amendment to the Lease</u>. The Landlord and the Tenant hereby agree to amend as follows:
 - a. <u>Term</u>. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Lease to the contrary, the Lease shall be extended for thirty-six (36) months (the "Extended Term") commencing on December 1, 2018 (the "Commencement Date") and expiring on November 30, 2021 (the "Expiration Date").
 - <u>Base Rent</u>. Base Rent during the Extended Term shall be as follows: \$2,983.00 per month from December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019;
 \$3,072.49 per month from December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020;
 \$3,164.67 per month from December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021.
 - c. Security Deposit. As of the execution date of this Amendment, Landlord holds a Security Deposit equal to \$2,983.00.
 - d. Lessor's Work. Lessee accepts the Premises in "As-Is" condition.
- 4. <u>Ratification</u>. The Landlord and the Tenant ratify all other provisions of the Lease, except as may be inconsistent with the specific terms of this Amendment.
- 5. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Amendment may be executed by electronic mail, fax (if promptly followed by the original) and in any number of counterparts, each of which shall constitute one and the same instrument, and either party hereto may execute this Amendment by signing any such counterpart.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Amendment effective the day and year written above.

LANDLORD:

GIG VAOI BRECKINRIDGE, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company

By: GODDARD VALUE-ADD OFFICE FUND I, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, its sole member

By: GODDARD VAO FUND I GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, its general partner

By: GODDARD INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, its sole member

By: <u>/s/ Robert C. Goddard, III</u> Name: Robert C. Goddard, III Title: Chairman and CEO TENANT:

APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC., a Delaware corporation

By: <u>/s/ Stefan Murry</u>

Printed Name: Stefan Murry

Title: CFO

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