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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Chen Min-Chu (Mike)</u> | | | | | AI | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. [AAOI] | | | | | | | | | | | p of Reportin blicable) ctor | g Pers | on(s) to Is | | | |
| (Last) | (Fi | rst) (| Middle) | | _ | | | | | | | | | | X | | er (give title | | | (specify | | |
| C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. 13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD. | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/25/2016 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IS139 JESS PIRILE BLVD. | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
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| Dat | | | | Date | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | med on Date, Day/Yea | Code | Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Pric | e | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common | Stock, \$.00 | 1 par value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 13 | 13,262 ⁽¹⁾ D | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, | Date, Transaction Code (Ins | | | | 6. Date I Expiration (Month/I | on Dat | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst and 4) | | ı | Deriv Secu | Price of Privative Curity Str. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4) | Ov Fo Di or (I) | o. wnership orm: rect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 1,914 shares are jointly held as community property under the name of the reporting person's spouse
- 2. Held directly by Yuh-Mei Chung, the spouse of Min-Chu (Mike) Chen.

/s/ David C. Kuo for Min-Chu (Mike) Chen

05/27/2016

** 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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