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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| Instruction 1(b).  |          | Filed | pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 |                        | Hours per  | тезропас. 0.3   |  |  |
|--|----------|-------|---|------------------------|--|-----------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Addres  Yeh Shu-Hua  | (Joshua) |       | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. [ AAOI ]                                      |                        | tionship of Reporting Po<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title<br>below) | 10% Owner       |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INCLUDE 13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD. |          | ,     | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/18/2017   |                        | *** See Remarks  |                 |  |  |
| (Street) SUGAR LAND  | TX       | 77478 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | idual or Joint/Group Fili  Form filed by One Re  Form filed by More th  Person           | eporting Person |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)  | (Zip) |   |                        | 1 010011   |                 |  |  |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |              | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---------------|--------------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                         | v | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D) | Price        | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (Instr. 4)  |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value  | 07/18/2017                                 |   | S                            |   | 10,000(1)  | D             | \$90.0042(2) | 89,742  | D   |   |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value  | 07/19/2017                                 |   | S                            |   | 10,000(1)  | D             | \$95.0133(3) | 79,742  | D   |   |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

|   | (e.g., pare, cane, marrante, options, convertible occurring)          |  |   |                              |   |     |     |   |   |       |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|---|---|-------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of  |     | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/\) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                             | Expiration<br>Date  | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |  |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The sales were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on June 8, 2017.
- 2. The shares were sold in multiple transactions on July 18, 2017 at an actual sale price ranging from \$90.00 to \$90.07 per share. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- 3. The shares were sold in multiple transactions on July 19, 2017 at an actual sale price ranging from \$95.00 to \$95.09 per share. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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

07/20/2017

\*\* 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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