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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* Lin Che-Wei (Last) (First) (M C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONIC 13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD. | liddle) CS, INC. | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.</u> [AAOI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/06/2022 | 5. Relationship of F (Check all applicab X Director Officer (gi below) | 10% Owner |
| | 7478 ip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Line) X Form filed | t/Group Filing (Check Applicable by One Reporting Person by More than One Reporting |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | Securities Beneficially | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1130. 4) |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | 09/06/2022 | | F | | 4,438(1) | D | \$2.24 | 147,838 | D | |

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| | 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. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Code (Instr. E 8) A (, Code (Instr. E | | Number rivative (Month/Day/Year) (C) str. 3, 4 d 5) | | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ies id ed | | | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ities red sed 3, 4 | | le and unt of rities rlying ative rity (Instr. I 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Expiration Exercisable Date | | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | | |

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 June 27, 2022.

| <u>/s/ David C. Kuo, attorney in</u> fact for Che-Wei Lin | 09/08/2022 |
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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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