

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Li Chung-Yao (Ford)</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. 13115 JESS PIRTLE BLVD. (Street) SUGAR TX 77478 LAND (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/25/2013	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. [AAOI]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr. VP, Asia General Manager</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	08/12/2021	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	6,667	6	D
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	05/22/2022	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	1,333	6	D
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	01/18/2023	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	7,667	7.5	D

Explanation of Responses:

- The stock option grant vested as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on July 1, 2012 and thereafter vested and shall continue to vest as to 1/6th of the remainder of the shares in equal semi-annual installments until all shares have vested.
- The stock option grant vested as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on May 22, 2013 and thereafter vested and shall continue to vest as to 1/6th of the remainder of the shares in equal semi-annual installments until all shares have vested.
- The stock option grant vests as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on January 1, 2014 and thereafter vests and shall continue to vest as to 1/6th of the remainder of the shares in equal semi-annual installments until all shares have vested.

Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ David C. Kuo for Chung-Yao (Ford) Li 09/25/2013

** 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 5 (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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**LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints David C. Kuo and Chih-Hsiang (Thompson) Lin, and each of them, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact (the "Attorney-in-Fact"), with full power of substitution and re-substitution, each with the power to act alone for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to:

1. prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required or considered advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or any rule or regulation of the SEC;

2. prepare, execute and submit to the SEC, any national securities exchange and Applied Optoelectronics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), any and all reports (including any amendment thereto) of the undersigned required or considered advisable under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder, with respect to the equity securities of the Company, including Form 3 (Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities), Form 4 (Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership), and Form 5 (Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership); and

3. seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's equity securities from any third party, including the Company and any brokers, dealers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such third party to release any such information to the Attorney-in-Fact.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

1. this Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, the Attorney-in-Fact to act at his or her discretion on information provided to such Attorney-in-Fact without independent verification of such information;

2. any documents prepared and/or executed by the Attorney-in-Fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information as the Attorney-in-Fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;

3. neither the Company nor the Attorney-in-Fact assumes any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or any liability of the undersigned for disgorgement of profits under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, including, without, limitation, the reporting requirements under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act; and

4. the undersigned hereby grants to the Attorney-in-Fact full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite, necessary or convenient to be done in connection with the foregoing, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the Attorney-in-Fact, or his or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by authority of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in equity securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Attorney-in-Fact.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall be governed by and construed in accordance the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to the laws that might otherwise govern under applicable principles of conflicts of laws thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of September 19, 2013.

Signature: /s/ Chung-Yao (Ford) Li

Print Name: Chung-Yao (Ford) Li