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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Chang Hung-Lun (Fred)</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.<br>13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD.<br><br>(Street)<br>SUGAR LAND TX 77478<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. [ AAOI ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br>*** See Remarks |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>04/24/2023                               |  |
|  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                    |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |        | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value  | 04/24/2023                           |  | F                              |   | 1,408 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D          | \$2.14 | 169,456   | D  |   |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value  | 04/24/2023                           |  | F                              |   | 966 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D          | \$2.14 | 168,490   | D  |   |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value  | 04/24/2023                           |  | F                              |   | 1,425 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D          | \$2.14 | 167,065   | D  |   |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value  | 04/24/2023                           |  | F                              |   | 1,700 <sup>(4)</sup>  | D          | \$2.14 | 165,365   | D  |   |

**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) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Reflects shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax-withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock unit award granted on February 3, 2020.
- Reflects shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax-withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock unit award granted on June 11, 2021.
- Reflects shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax-withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock unit award granted on June 11, 2021.
- Reflects shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax-withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock unit award granted on June 27, 2022.

**Remarks:**

\*\*\* Senior Vice President and North America General Manager

/s/ David C. Kuo, attorney in fact for Hung-Lun (Fred) Chang 04/26/2023

\*\* 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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