

APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Lin Chih-Hsiang (Thompson)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. [AAOI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/13/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President and CEO

C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC., 13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD.  
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SUGAR LAND, TX 77478  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value  | 09/13/2016                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | A \$ 6  | 222,873  | D   |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value  | 09/13/2016                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,939   | D \$ 20.42  | 219,934  | D   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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) | 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)      | \$ 6   | 09/13/2016                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | <u>(2)</u> 08/23/2020                                    | Common Stock, \$0.001 par value                               | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Lin Chih-Hsiang (Thompson)<br>C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.<br>13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD.<br>SUGAR LAND, TX 77478 | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ David C. Kuo, attorney in fact for Chih-Hsiang (Thompson) Lin

09/14/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Represents a "net exercise" of outstanding stock options. The reporting person received 7,061 shares of common stock on net exercise of option to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock. The Company withheld 2,939 shares of common stock underlying the option for payment of the exercise price and tax withholdings, using the closing stock price on September 13, 2016 of \$20.42, pursuant to the terms of the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan.

(2) Options fully vested.

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