

Kuo David C  
Form 4  
July 31, 2017

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Kuo David C

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)  
07/31/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
General Counsel and Secretary

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)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.001 par<br>value | 07/31/2017                              |                                                             | F                                    | 172 <sup>(1)</sup> D                                                    | \$ 96.64 23,753                                                                                                    | D                                                                       |                                                                                |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>\$.001 par<br>value | 07/31/2017                              |                                                             | M                                    | 300 A                                                                   | \$ 13.84 24,053                                                                                                    | D                                                                       |                                                                                |
| Common<br>Stock,                        | 07/31/2017                              |                                                             | S                                    | 578 <sup>(2)</sup> D                                                    | \$ 96.4704 23,475                                                                                                  | D                                                                       |                                                                                |

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\$.001 par  
value

(3)

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Pr<br>Deri<br>Secu<br>(Inst         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Incentive<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)   | \$ 13.84                                                              | 07/31/2017                              |                                                             | M                                       | 300                                                                                                                | <u>(4)</u>                                                     | 01/28/2024         | Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.001<br>par value                            | 300                                    |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kuo David C  
C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.  
13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD.  
SUGAR LAND, TX 77478

General Counsel and Secretary

## Signatures

/s/ David C. Kuo 07/31/2017

\*\*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) Reflects shares surrendered to the Issuer to satisfy tax-withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock.

(2) The sales were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on March 7, 2017.

The shares were sold in multiple transactions on July 31, 2017 at an actual sale price ranging from \$96.46 to \$96.48 per share. The price

(3) reported reflected 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 during each transaction.

(4) The Incentive stock option award vested as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on January 28, 2014 and 1/8th of the shares vest every six months thereafter.

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