

AU OPTRONICS CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 6, 2012

Commission File Number 001-31335

AU Optronics Corp.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

No. 1 Li-Hsin Road 2

Hsinchu Science Park

Hsinchu, Taiwan

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes ☐ No ☒

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Item

1. Taiwan Stock Exchange filing entitled, AUO and Samsung Sign Settlement and Patent Cross License Agreement , dated January 6, 2012.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AU Optronics Corp.

Date: January 6, 2012

By: /s/ Andy Yang

Name: Andy Yang

Title: Chief Financial Officer

AU Optronics Corp.

January 6, 2012

English Language Summary

Subject: AUO and Samsung Sign Settlement and Patent Cross License Agreement.

Regulation: Published pursuant to Article 2-49 of the Taiwan Stock Exchange's Operating Procedures for the Publication of Material Information by Listed Companies

Date of Events: 2012/01/06

Content:

1. Date of occurrence of the event: 2012/01/06

2. Company name: AU Optronics Corp.

3. Relationship to the Company (please enter head office or affiliate company): head office

4. Reciprocal shareholding ratios: N/A

5. Cause of occurrence:

AU Optronics Corp. (AUO) (TAIEX: 2409; NYSE: AUO) and Korea's Samsung Electronics Co. (Samsung) signed a settlement and patent cross license agreement. Both parties have agreed to license to the other specified patents and products owned by each party.

Both AUO and Samsung have made significant investments in the research and development of advanced display technologies and each has built a strong and extensive patent portfolio in the field of TFT-LCD. Both parties have agreed to license certain of their patents and products to the other on the basis of mutual respect for each other's intellectual property rights. The cross license will allow each company to innovate using the other company's specified patented technologies for the further advancement of TFT-LCD technologies.

After signing of the settlement and patent cross license agreement, AUO and Samsung will dismiss all pending legal actions that have been filed against each other.

6. Countermeasures: N/A

7. Any other matters that need to be specified: N/A