Lin Chih-Hsiang (Thompson)

Form 4

Common Stock,

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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Lin Chih-Hsiang (Thompson) Issuer Symbol APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS. (Check all applicable) INC. [AAOI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O APPLIED 02/05/2018 President and CEO OPTOELECTRONICS, INC., 13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD. (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SUGAR LAND, TX 77478 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionr Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I)

(A)

(D)

Amount

114,000

(2)

 $2,772 \stackrel{(1)}{=} D$

Price

32.81

\$0

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

486,799

600,799

(Instr. 4)

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

Code V

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lin Chih-Hsiang (Thompson) C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. 13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD. SUGAR LAND, TX 77478

X

President and CEO

Signatures

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

02/07/2018

**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 award granted on February 4, 2016.
- (2) The Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) were granted under the Company's 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. One-sixteenth of the RSUs vest every three months commencing on January 21, 2018.

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