

APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Murry Stefan J.

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/13/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	02/13/2017		M	3,333 A	\$ 7.5	37,746	D
Common Stock, \$.001 par value	02/13/2017		F ⁽¹⁾	1,052 D	\$ 32.66	36,694	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.5	02/13/2017		M	3,333	<u>(2)</u> 01/18/2023	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	3,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Murry Stefan J. C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. 13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD. SUGAR LAND, TX 77478			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ David C. Kuo, attorney in fact for Stefan J. Murry
Date: 02/15/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Represents a "net exercise" of outstanding stock options. The reporting person received 2,281 shares of common stock on net exercise of option to purchase 3,333 shares of common stock. The Company withheld 1,052 shares of common stock underlying the option for payment of the exercise price and tax withholdings, using the closing stock price on February 10, 2017 of \$32.66, pursuant to the terms of the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Option fully vested.

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