

APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.

Form 8-K

April 06, 2016

**UNITED STATES**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 31, 2016

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**Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**                      **001-36083**                      **76-0533927**  
(State or incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**13115 Jess Pirtle Blvd.**

**Sugar Land, TX 77478**

(address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(281) 295-1800**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On March 31, 2016, the Taiwan branch of Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into a Purchase and Sale Contract (the “Sale Contract”) and a Finance Lease Agreement (the “Finance Lease Agreement,” together with the Sale Contract, the “Financing Agreements”) with Chailease Finance Co., Ltd. (“Chailease”) in connection with certain equipment, structured as a sale lease-back transaction. Pursuant to the Sale Contract, the Company sold certain equipment to Chailease for a purchase price of NT\$312,927,180. Simultaneously, the Company leased the equipment back from Chailease pursuant to the Finance Lease Agreement. The Finance Lease Agreement has a three-year term. The Company is obligated to pay an initial monthly payment of NT\$62,927,180, thereafter the monthly lease payments range from NT\$6,772,500 to NT\$7,788,333. Based on the lease payments made under the Finance Lease Agreement, the annual interest rate is calculated to be 4.0%. Upon an event of default under the Finance Lease Agreement, the Company’s payment obligation will be evidenced through a promissory note to Chailease with an annual interest rate of 20%, subject to certain terms and conditions. The title of the equipment will be transferred to the Company upon expiration of the Finance Lease Agreement.

The foregoing description of the Financing Agreements does not purport to be a complete statement of the parties’ rights and obligations under the Financing Agreements and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Sale Contract and Finance Lease Agreement which are attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein. The attached Sale Contract and Finance Lease Agreement are translations of the Sale Contract and Finance Lease Agreement which are the anticipated form of the Financing Agreements to be used in the Company’s future Equipment Financing Arrangements.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information contained in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K with respect to the Financing Agreements is incorporated by reference herein and made a part hereof.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Translation of Purchase and Sale Contract, Finance Lease Agreement and Promissory Note between Applied Optoelectronics, Inc., Taiwan Branch, and Chailease Finance Co., Ltd.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.

By: /s/ David C. Kuo

David C. Kuo

General Counsel and Vice President

Date: April 6, 2016