

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 7, 2008

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AU Optronics Corp.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Not applicable

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Item:

1. Press release entitled, "AUO Reports December 2007 Consolidated Revenue of NT\$48.94 Billion, Full Year 2007 Revenue of NT\$480.188 Billion", dated January 7, 2008.
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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 7, 2008

By: /s/ Max Cheng
Name: Max Cheng
Title: Chief Financial Officer

AUO Reports December 2007 Consolidated Revenue of NT\$48.94 Billion, Full Year 2007 Revenue of NT\$480.188 Billion

Hsinchu, Taiwan, January 7, 2008 –

AU Optronics Corp. ("**AUO**" or the "**Company**") (**TAIEX: 2409; NYSE: AUO**) today announced December 2007 revenue with preliminary consolidated revenue of NT\$48,940 million and unconsolidated revenue of NT\$48,828 million; decreasing 8.4% and 8.5% respectively from the previous month. On a year-over-year comparison, December 2007 consolidated and unconsolidated revenues increased by 73.6% and 73.5% correspondingly.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, unaudited consolidated revenue totaled NT\$480,188 million, representing historical record breaking result with a significant 63.8% Y-o-Y increase. Meanwhile, unconsolidated revenue amounted to NT\$479,727 million, representing a Y-o-Y growth of 63.7%.

In December 2007, shipments of large-sized panels used in desktop monitor, notebook PC, LCD TV and other applications reached around 7.39 million units, showing a 6.8% decrease from November 2007. Shipments of small- and medium-sized panels totaled 16.22 million, representing a slight 0.4 % sequential decrease.

Preliminary shipments of large-sized panels for the fourth quarter of 2007 reached 23.21 million units, representing a 4.3% increase from last quarter. Shipments for small- and medium-sized panels increased to total 48.01 million units, revealing a 17.9 % sequential growth. Both broke the historical records.

As for the 2007 full-year unit shipments, large-sized panels reached 80.9 million units with a significant 65.9% Y-o-Y increase. Meanwhile, small- and medium-sized panels had a remarkable amount of 143.07 million units, revealing a Y-o-Y growth of 80.7%.

Sales Report: (Unit: NT\$ million)

Net Sales^{(1) (2)}	Consolidated⁽³⁾	Unconsolidated
December 2007	48,940	48,828
November 2007	53,438	53,364
M-o-M Growth	(8.4%)	(8.5%)
December 2006	28,190	28,150
Y-o-Y Growth	73.6%	73.5%
Jan to Dec 2007	480,188	479,727
Jan to Dec 2006	293,107	293,028
Y-o-Y Growth	63.8%	63.7%

- (1) All figures are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Taiwan.
 (2) Monthly figures are unaudited, prepared by AU Optronics Corp.
 (3) Consolidated numbers include AU Optronics Corp., AU Optronics (L) Corporation, AU Optronics (Suzhou) Corporation, and AU Optronics (Shanghai) Corporation.

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ABOUT AU OPTRONICS

AU Optronics Corp. (“AUO”) is one of the top three largest manufacturers* of large-size thin film transistor liquid crystal display panels (“TFT-LCD”), with approximately 20.4%* of global market share with revenues of NT\$480.188 billion (US\$14.81billion)* in 2007. TFT-LCD technology is currently the most widely used flat panel display technology. Targeted for 40”+ sized LCD TV panels, AUO’s new generation (7.5-generation) fabrication facility production started mass production in the fourth quarter of 2006. The Company currently operates one 7.5-generation, two 6th-generation, four 5th-generation, one 4th-generation, and four 3.5-generation TFT- LCD fabs, in addition to eight module assembly facilities and the AUO Technology Center specializes in new technology platform and new product development. AUO is one of few top-tier TFT-LCD manufacturers capable of offering a wide range of small- to large- size (1.5”-65”) TFT-LCD panels, which enables it to offer a broad and diversified product portfolio.

* DisplaySearch 3Q2007 WW Large-Area TFT-LCD Shipment Report dated Dec 10, 2007. This data is used as reference only and AUO does not make any endorsement or representation in connection therewith. 2007 year end revenue converted by an exchange rate of NTD32.43:USD1.

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