

AU OPTRONICS CORP
Form 6-K
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FORM 6-K
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

March 6, 2006

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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Not applicable

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Item

1. Press release entitled, "AU Optronics February 2006 Sales Total at NT\$21.6 Billion", dated March 6, 2006.
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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: March 6, 2006

By: /s/ Max Weishun Cheng

Name: Max Weishun Cheng

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Item 1

News Release

AU Optronics February 2006 Sales Total at NT\$21.6 Billion

Issued by: AU Optronics Corp.

Issued on: March 6, 2006

Hsinchu, Taiwan, March 6, 2006

AU Optronics Corp. ("**AUO**" or the "**Company**") (**TAIEX: 2409; NYSE: AUO**) today announced preliminary consolidated and unconsolidated February 2006 monthly revenues of NT\$21,597 million and NT\$21,594 million respectively, both representing a slight 2.7% sequential decline. On a year-over-year comparison, February 2006 consolidated revenues increased by 87.5%, while unconsolidated net sales rose by 87.6%.

February shipments of large-sized panels(a) used in desktop monitors, notebook PCs, LCD TVs and other applications increased 6.5% sequentially, reached 3.19 million units, while shipments of small-and-medium-sized panels increased a marginal 0.5% sequentially totaled 4.74 million units.

(a) Large-size refers to panels that are 10 inches and above in diagonal measurement while small- and medium-size refers to those below 10 inches

Sales Report: (Unit: NT\$ million)

Net Sales⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Consolidated(3)	Unconsolidated
February 2006	21,597	21,594
January 2006	22,200	22,200
M-o-M Growth	(2.7%)	(2.7%)

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February 2005	11,517	11,511
Y-o-Y Growth	87.5%	87.6%
Jan to Feb 2006	43,797	43,794
Jan to Feb 2005	24,219	24,200
Y-o-Y Growth	80.8%	81.0%

- (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 the world's third largest manufacturer* of large-size thin film transistor liquid crystal display panels (TFT-LCD), with approximately 14.2%* of global market share and generated revenue of NT\$217.4billion (US\$6.75 bn)* in 2005. TFT-LCD technology is currently the most widely used flat panel display technology. Targeted for 40"+ sized LCD TV panels, AUO's next generation (7.5 -Generation) fabrication facility production is scheduled for mass production in 4Q 2006. The Company currently operates one 6th-generation, three 5th-generation, one 4th-generation, and three 3.5 -generation TFT- LCD fabs, in addition to four module assembly facilities and a R&D fab specializing in low temperature poly silicon TFT and organic LED. AUO is one of few top-tier TFT-LCD manufacturers capable of offering a wide range of small- to large- size (1.5" -46") TFT-LCD panels, which enables it to offer a broad and diversified product portfolio.

*As shown on DisplaySearch Quarterly Large-Area TFT-LCD Shipment Report dated Mar 1, 2006. This data is used as reference only and AUO does not make any endorsement or representation in connection therewith. 2005 year end revenue converted by an exchange rate of NTD32.2039:USD1.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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