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The Honorable Susan Illston
United States District Court for the Northern District of California
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102
U.S.A.

Re: Sentencing of AU Optronics Corporation, Mr. Hsuan-bin Chen and Dr. Hui Hsiung

Dear Judge Illston:

The Ministry of Economic Affairs of Taiwan, Republic of China, is writing to respectfully describe the contributions AU Optronics Corporation ("AUO"), Mr. Hsuan-Bin Chen, and Dr. Hui Hsiung, and the importance AUO has to the economy, culture and society of Taiwan. We sincerely request Your Honor's consideration of the following facts during sentencing.

AUO's Leadership in the Taiwan Business Community

AUO is a leading employer in Taiwan. With more than twenty thousand employees in Taiwan alone, AUO pays more than 17.6 billion New Taiwan Dollars (about 587 million US dollars) a year in salary and employee benefits. Because of the effect of the drastic changes in the world economy and the outlook in the TFT-LCD industry, combined with the enormous amounts AUO has already committed to pay in settlement of civil suits arising from this matter, we are deeply concerned about the impact on our economy and society of a large criminal fine on AUO. The financial consequences of the fine may jeopardize AUO's existence, resulting in massive job losses, creating a chain reaction of decreasing treasury revenue, increasing the unemployment rate, and idling higher-technology manufacturing facilities.

Mr. Hsuan-Bin Chen is a very well-respected man in Taiwan's business and industries. Before becoming President of AUO in 2001, Mr. Chen was the President of AUO's predecessor company, Acer Display Technology Corporation, and a founder of the Taiwan TFT-LCD Association in 2000. In 2001, in recognition of his skilled leadership, Mr. Chen was awarded the Gold Panel Display Award for Outstanding Industry Contribution by the Ministry of Economic Affairs. In 2004, Mr. Chen was awarded the Special Recognition Award by the Society of Information Display. In 2007, Mr. Chen became Vice-Chairman and CEO of AUO. Since 2009, he has served as Vice-Chairman of the company.

Dr. Hui Hsiung is also a very well-respected man in Taiwan's business and industries. From September 2007 to April 2012, Dr. Hsiung held the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of Qisda Corporation, and from 2002 to 2007, Dr. Hsiung was Executive Vice President of AUO. Dr. Hsiung was awarded the Gold Panel Display Award for Outstanding Industry Contribution by the Ministry of Economic Affairs in 2004, and his Ph.D. thesis won the Glen Brown Award at the International Liquid Crystal Conferences in 1998.

As leaders of AUO, Mr. Chen and Dr. Hsiung have been actively involved in the following philanthropic works, community welfare projects and green innovations. In addition, Dr. Hsiung led numerous similar philanthropic projects during his service as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Qisda Corporation.

AUO's Philanthropic Activities and Service to Our Community

Disaster Relief and Rebuilding. Weather-related disasters are a fact of life in Taiwan. In addition to being located in a seismically active zone, with several dozen active faults, our nation is struck nearly every year by major typhoons, with frequent loss of life and significant property damage. Our government must work closely



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with Taiwan's corporations in coming quickly to the assistance of our people and helping to rebuild homes, schools, and infrastructure. AUO has been a full partner in those efforts since its founding.

In 2009 Taiwan was hit by Typhoon Morakot, the deadliest typhoon in our history. Several hundred died, and damage has been estimated at NT 110 billion. AUO, its subsidiaries and employees contributed more than NT 63 million to typhoon relief. Qisda – the company led by Dr. Hui Hsiung – and its employees donated another NT 10 million. The BenQ Foundation, a joint philanthropic endeavor supported by the BenQ Group of companies – including AUO and Qisda – donated NT 100 million to flood relief and rescue efforts as well. In the weeks following the disaster, the BenQ Foundation initiated the Taiwan 88 Flood Relief Project to promote the education of children in flooded areas. Acting upon a referral from the Ministry of Education, the Foundation rebuilt the campuses of Taiwu Elementary School in Pintung County and the Jialan Elementary School in Taitung County with disaster-proof solar systems. In autumn of 2010, the multi-purpose learning center and the teacher's dormitory of Jialan Elementary School was inaugurated, and in December, construction of the Taiwu Elementary School permanent site started.

Promoting Education. In August 2006, the BenQ Foundation initiated the Honest-Intelligent Scholarship Program, offering scholarships to students from low-income families, as well as those struggling due to sudden family disasters. Through this Program, the BenQ companies – including AUO and Dr. Hsiung's Qisda – assist students in completing their educations, and inspire young people's spirits of honesty, enthusiasm and hard work. Since 2006, AUO and its employees have donated more than NT 64 million to the program. The Program offers 3,200 scholarships each year to elementary and middle school students, and has assisted more than 20,000 students since it began.

In order to narrow the gap in educational resources between Taiwan's urban and rural areas, AUO employees have volunteered since 2006 in BenQ Foundation's "Reading for Hope Program." AUO's volunteers promote a guided reading method to develop the good habit of active reading and foster the students' independent thinking and problem-solving capability. Since the program was begun, the number of schools participating has continuously increased, with around 270 events held in every region of Taiwan.

Since 2005, with the assistance of hundreds of AUO volunteers, BenQ Foundation has held many "Optoelectronics Camps," teaching elementary school students the production process of TFT-LCD, as well as the principles and application of solar power generation. The camps help cultivate the children's creativity and thinking capability, as well as instilling strong values. Giving priority to applications from underprivileged kids and children from remote areas, the camps have hosted more than 3000 participants from nearly one hundred elementary schools.

In 2009, AUO started "Dada's World of Magic" at the National Museum of Natural Science in Taichung, Taiwan. As sole sponsor, AUO collaborated with the Museum to help create an interactive educational experience, teaching schoolchildren the basic principles of optoelectronics and promoting science education through hands-on operation. A popular destination for school field trips, "Dada's World of Magic" attracted more than 4,000 visitors in only four days in October 2010 during its first anniversary celebration.

Meanwhile, AUO has also contributed to higher education in Taiwan. AUO and BenQ Foundation have invested approximately NT 300 million for the construction of Ming-Da Hall, which was commenced in May 2004 and completed in January 2007. The building is currently occupied by the Electrical Engineering Department of the National Taiwan University for lecture and research purposes. The concept of the project is to strengthen the collaboration between academia and industry through the development of an information sharing platform.

Supporting Local Agriculture. Small family farms have long been an important part of Taiwan's economy and society, and AUO has made tremendous efforts to help sustain that tradition. In 2008, AUO adopted an acre of rice paddies in Wufeng, Taichung County. The following year, AUO and the BenQ Foundation collaborated to



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extend the scope of the project, committing to a total of 15 acres of rice paddies in Taoyuan, Taichung, Changhua, Yunlin and Tainan. Since the project's inception, AUO employees and their families have joined farmers multiple times each year, working in the adopted rice paddies, learning first-hand about the demanding life of our rural farm families.

After the harvest of the second season rice crop in November and December, most farmers have chosen to allow their land to lie fallow until the next rice planting in March. It is estimated that perhaps a quarter million hectares of land lies fallow during this period. During the winter of 2010, AUO and BenQ Foundation expanded their agricultural efforts further, developing a wheat rotation with farmers in Xizhou Township of Changhua County. Relying upon a chemical-free planting approach, the program assists in the sustainable development of land resources and reduces chemical pollution.

AUO supports our farmers in the marketplace as well. For example, in 2009, AUO launched a procurement campaign, Prioritising Taiwan, to purchase directly from local farmers' associations. That year, when a large harvest of cabbage forced prices below farmers' costs, AUO stepped in, partnering with the Erlin Farmers' Association, Chunghwa County to launch a promotional campaign. Working with the Agriculture and Food Agency, Executive Yuan, AUO has promoted the sale of locally-grown fruits and vegetables, not only organizing dozens of farmers' markets for its employees, but buying and donating local produce to charity groups. AUO's commitment continues to this day; for example, in 2011, AUO and the BenQ Group organized nine group purchases of a wide variety of Taiwan fruits and vegetables, totaling more than NT 1.6 million.

Promoting and Supporting Culture and the Arts. AUO and the BenQ Group have long offered important support to cultural activities. In 2010, the BenQ Foundation held its first International Sculpture Camp. With a theme of "Sculpting a New Vision of Taiwan's Vitality," the Foundation invited artists from ten countries around the world to spend a month at the BenQ Center for Development and Education at Mabushanlin, creating on-site artwork. Today, the artists' works are displayed at Mabushanlin, as well as the public spaces of facilities of the BenQ Group. In addition to sponsoring many regional film festivals, AUO sponsored the 2010 Taipei Film Festival under the theme of "The Beautiful New Generation." During the Festival, AUO organized the "Taking Taipei By Surprise With Digital 3D" forum, inviting renowned producers and local creators to discuss and learn about the outlook for development of digital 3-D.

AUO's Commitment to Green Manufacturing and Carbon Footprint Reduction

Our culture teaches a deep respect for, and stewardship of, our land, air and water. For that reason, the Government has long encouraged our corporations to move forward aggressively in "green" initiatives and reducing their carbon footprints. AUO has been a leader in that effort, showing a deep commitment to green solutions, both significantly reducing the environmental impact of its own operations and assisting its suppliers in following the company's lead.

AUO unveiled its Green Solutions Initiative in 2008. Known as "Green 2010," the Initiative was a comprehensive plan of environmental protection encompassing R&D, procurement, manufacturing, logistics, services and employee participation through the incorporation of green development into the corporation's operational strategies. AUO has been listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index since 2010 – the only TFT-LCD manufacturer in the world so honored. Between 2004 and 2010, AUO achieved a 70% reduction in the greenhouse gas emitted per square meter of panel produced, gas emission abatement devices prevented an estimated 6.94 million metric tons of greenhouse gases from being dispersed into the atmosphere. AUO has signed the Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reduction Agreement, a joint project of the Taiwan TFT-LCD association and the Industrial Development Bureau of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, which calls for the signatories to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by a collective 12 million metric tons between 2011 and 2015. In 2010, AUO achieved "carbon balance," meaning that the total savings in greenhouse gasses achieved by the company's energy-saving products exceeds the greenhouse gasses emitted in their production company-wide.



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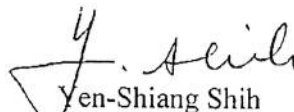
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AUO owns three facilities holding the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") certifications, including the first TFT-LCD plant in the world to receive a gold certification, and now a platinum certification. In 2011, AUO's G8.5 Science Park manufacturing plant became the first manufacturing plant in the world to achieve the ISO 50001 energy management system certification. Between 2007 and 2011, AUO's electricity use per square meter of panel produced has dropped 26.4%. The company also reduced its water use by approximately 1.39 million tons between 2010 and 2011, partially by recycling water used in production. AUO has created innovative green product packing designs as well, winning the Outstanding Industrial Packaging Award from the Taiwan Environmental Protection Agency in 2010 for its open-cell packaging. Through the use of such packaging, the company's paper use for product packaging has been cut 40%, package weight by 62%, and related greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 86%.

The Government greatly appreciates the commitment of AUO, Mr. Chen and Dr. Hsiung, and their contributions to Taiwan's economy, society and culture. We deeply need AUO's contributions in the years to come. We sincerely hope the Court to consider the defendants' contributions to Taiwan in sentencing. We also hope the Court to take into account the impact of a massive fine on AUO's viability and the livelihood of tens of thousands of AUO employees. We thank the Court for its consideration.

Yours truly,


Yen-Shiang Shih
Minister