## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: January 29, 2003

 $\mbox{\sc APA OPTICS, INC.} \label{eq:approx}$  (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MINNESOTA 0-16106 41-1347235 (State of other jurisdiction (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification Number)

2950 NE 84TH LANE, BLAINE, MN 55449 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (763)784-4995

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report):  $\ensuremath{\text{N/A}}$ 

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On January 27, 2003, we appointed David Peters as Chief Financial Officer. See the press release included in this report as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 29, 2003

2 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.

Dated: January 29, 2003 APA OPTICS, INC.

By /s/ Anil K. Jain

Anil K. Jain, Chief Executive Officer Authorized Signatory

NEWS RELEASE

## DAVID R. PETERS JOINS APA OPTICS, INC. AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

MINNEAPOLIS (January 28, 2003) - APA Optics (Nasdaq/NM.APAT) today announced that David Peters has joined APA Optics as chief financial officer effective January 24, 2003. David holds a MBA from Carlson School of Management, is a member of Minnesota Society and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and has more than 20 years of experience in various positions including senior auditor, controller and credit manager, and vice president of finance and operations. He has also served as a senior vice president and president of a privately held company.

APA Optics, Inc. manufactures and markets advanced products for the fiber optic communications, optoelectronics and laser industries, including Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexer (DWDM), ultraviolet (UV) detectors, Nitride epitaxial layers and custom optics. APA's Internet address is http://www.apaoptics.com.

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