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# Form 6-K

# REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of April 2019

LG Display Co., Ltd.

(Translation of Registrant s name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(From January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018)

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# 1. Company

#### A. Name and contact information

The name of our company is EL-GI DISPLAY CHUSIK HOESA, which shall be LG Display Co., Ltd. in English.

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# B. Credit rating

# (1) Corporate bonds (Domestic)

Subject instrument	Month of rating June 2016	Credit rating <sup>(1)</sup>	Rating agency (Rating range)
	September 2016 May 2017 February 2018	AA	NICE Information Service Co., Ltd. (AAA ~ D)
	May 2018 February 2019	AA-	
Corporate bonds	April 2016 May 2017 October 2017 May 2018 February 2019	AA-	Korea Investors Service, Inc. (AAA ~ D)
	April 2016 September 2016 May 2017 October 2017 February 2018 April 2018	AA	Korea Ratings Corporation (AAA ~ D)

(1) Domestic corporate bond credit ratings are generally defined to indicate the following:

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Subject instrument	Credit rating AAA	Definition Strongest capacity for timely repayment.		
	AA+/AA/AA-		for timely repayment. This capacity may, tly inferior than is the case for the highest rating	
	A+/A/A-	more vulnerable to ad	mely repayment. This capacity may, nevertheless, be verse changes in circumstances or in economic case for higher rating categories.	
	BBB+/BBB/BBB-	Capacity for timely repayment is adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances and in economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.		
Corporate bonds			epayment is currently adequate, but that there are racteristics that make the repayment uncertain over	
	B+/B/B-	Lack of adequate capacity for repayment and speculative characteristics. Interest payment in time of unfavorable economic conditions is uncertain.		
	CCC	Lack of capacity for e	even current repayment and high risk of default.	
	CC	Greater uncertainties	than higher ratings.	
	С	High credit risk and la	ack of capacity for timely repayment.	
	D	Insolvency.		
(2) Corporate bonds (Overseas)				
Subject instrument Corporate bonds <sup>(1)</sup>	Month of rating November 2018	Credit rating AA	Rating agency (Rating range) Standard & Poor s Rating Services (AAA ~ D)	

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents credit rating for our overseas corporate bonds guaranteed by the Korea Development Bank.

(2) Overseas corporate bond credit ratings are generally defined to indicate the following:

Subject instrument	Credit rating AAA	Definition Highest level of stability.		
	AA+/AA/AA-	Very high level of stability. This stability may be slightly more risky than is the case for the highest rating category but presents no issues.		
	A+/A/A-	High level of stability. There are no issues with repaying the principal, but there are characteristics that could be subject to future deterioration.		
Community have de	BBB+/BBB/BBB-	Level of stability is adequate. Current level of stability and profitability is adequate, but requires special attention during times of economic downturns.		
Corporate bonds	BB+/BB/BB-	Speculative characteristics. There is no guarantee on future stability. Expected business performance is uncertain.		
	B+/B/B-	Inadequate as an investment target. Ability to make principal repayments or comply with contractual terms and conditions is uncertain.		
	CCC/CC/C	Very low level of stability. Ability to make payments of principal and interest is highly unlikely. Extremely speculative. Currently in default or undergoing a serious problem.		
	D	Bankruptcy.		

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# (3) Commercial paper

Subject instrument	Month of rating	Credit rating <sup>(1)</sup>	Rating agency (Rating range)		
	June 2016	A1	Korea Ratings Corporation (A1 ~ D)		
	June 2016	A1	NICE Information Service Co., Ltd. (A1 ~ D)		
	September 2016	A1	NICE Information Service Co., Ltd. (A1 ~ D)		
	September 2016	A1	Korea Ratings Corporation (A1 ~ D)		
	May 2017	A1	Korea Investors Service, Inc. (A1 ~ D)		
Commonaid nona	May 2017	A1	Korea Ratings Corporation (A1 ~ D)		
Commercial paper	October 2017	A1	Korea Investors Service, Inc. (A1 ~ D)		
	December 2017	A1	Korea Ratings Corporation (A1 ~ D)		
	May 2018	A1	Korea Investors Service, Inc. (A1 ~ D)		
	May 2018	A1	NICE Information Service Co., Ltd. (A1 ~ D)		
	November 2018	Cancelled <sup>(2)</sup>	Korea Investors Service, Inc. (A1 ~ D)		
	November 2018	Cancelled <sup>(2)</sup>	NICE Information Service Co., Ltd. (A1 ~ D)		

(1) Domestic commercial paper credit ratings are generally defined to indicate the following:

Subject instrument	Credit rating A1	Definition  Timely repayment capability is at the highest level with extremely low investment risk and is stable such that it will not be influenced by any reasonably foreseeable changes in external factors.
	A2	Strong capacity for timely repayment with very low investment risk. This capacity may, nevertheless, be slightly inferior than is the case for the highest rating category.
Commercial paper	A3	Capacity for timely repayment is adequate with low investment risk. This capacity may, nevertheless, be somewhat influenced by sudden changes in external factors.
	В	Capacity for timely repayment is acknowledged, but there are some speculative characteristics.
	С	Capacity for timely repayment is questionable.
+ or - r	D nodifier can be a	Insolvency.  ttached to ratings A2 through B to differentiate ratings within broader rating categories.

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- (2) Ratings have been cancelled due to repayment of our outstanding commercial paper on October 22, 2018 upon maturity.
  - C. Capitalization
- (1) Change in capital stock (as of December 31, 2018)

  There were no changes to our issued capital stock during the annual reporting period ended December 31, 2018.
- (2) Convertible bonds Not applicable.
  - D. Voting rights (as of December 31, 2018)

(Unit: share)

Description		Number of shares
A. Total number of shares issued <sup>(1)</sup> :	Common shares <sup>(1)</sup>	
		357,815,700
	Preferred shares	
B. Shares without voting rights:	Common shares	
	Preferred shares	
C. Shares subject to restrictions on voting	Common shares	
rights pursuant to our articles of incorporation:		
	Preferred shares	
D. Shares subject to restrictions on voting rights pursuant to regulations:	Common shares	
	Preferred shares	
E. Shares with restored voting rights:	Common shares	
	Preferred shares	
Total number of issued shares with voting rights (=A B C D + E):	Common shares	357,815,700
	Preferred shares	

(1) Authorized: 500,000,000 shares

E. Dividends

<u>Dividends for the three most recent fiscal years</u>

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Description (unit)		2018	2017	2016
Par value (Won)		5,000	5,000	5,000
Profit (loss) for the year (million Won) <sup>(1)</sup>		(207,239)	1,802,756	906,713
Earnings (loss) per share (Won) <sup>(2)</sup>		(579)	5,038	2,534
Total cash dividend amount for the period				
(million Won)			178,908	178,908
Total stock dividend amount for the period				
(million Won)				
Cash dividend payout ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>			9.92%	19.73%
Cash dividend yield (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	Common shares		1.69%	1.58%
	Preferred shares			
Stock dividend yield (%)	Common shares			
	Preferred shares			
Cash dividend per share (Won)	Common shares		500	500
	Preferred shares			
Stock dividend per share (share)	Common shares			
	Preferred shares			

- (1) Based on profit for the year attributable to the owners of the controlling company.
- (2) Earnings per share is based on par value of \(\psi 5,000\) per share and is calculated by dividing net income by weighted average number of common shares.
- (3) Cash dividend payout ratio is the percentage that is derived by dividing total cash dividend by profit for the year attributable to the owners of the controlling company.

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(4) Cash dividend yield is the percentage that is derived by dividing cash dividend by the arithmetic average of the daily closing prices of our common shares during the one-week period ending two trading days prior to the closing of the register of shareholders for the purpose of determining the shareholders entitled to receive annual dividends.

#### 2. Business

#### A. Business overview

We were incorporated in February 1985 under the laws of the Republic of Korea. LG Electronics and LG Semicon transferred their respective LCD business to us in 1998, and since then, our business has been focused on the research, development, manufacture and sale of display panels, applying technologies such as TFT-LCD and OLED.

As of December 31, 2018, in order to support our business activities, we operated TFT-LCD and OLED production and research facilities in Paju and Gumi in Korea, and we have also established subsidiaries in the Americas, Europe and Asia.

As of December 31, 2018, our business consisted of the manufacture and sale of display and display related products utilizing TFT-LCD, OLED and other technologies under a single reporting business segment.

## Consolidated operating results highlights

(Unit: In billions of Won)

	2018	$2017^{(1)}$	$2016^{(1)}$
Sales Revenue	24,337	27,790	26,504
Gross Profit	3,085	5,366	3,750
Operating Profit (loss)	93	2,462	1,311
Total Assets	33,176	29,160	24,884
Total Liabilities	18,289	14,178	11,421

(1) Sales revenues for 2017 and 2016 were recorded in accordance with the previously applicable accounting standards, K-IFRS 1018, Revenue.

### B. Industry

# (1) Industry characteristics

The entry barriers to manufacture display panels are relatively high due to the technology and capital intensive nature of the mass manufacturing process that is required to achieve economies of scale, among other factors.

While growth in the market for displays used in notebook computer, monitor and other traditional IT products has stagnated or declined, the market for small- and medium-sized displays (including those used in smartphones) in the rapidly evolving IT environment has shown gradual growth. The display market for televisions has also shown steady growth mainly due to growing demand from developing countries as well as from consumers in general for larger sized display panels. As for displays used in industrial, automobile and other value added products, we expect to see growth in these markets.

## (2) Growth Potential

We are focusing on securing profitability through differentiated products such as Crystal Sound OLED and Wallpaper display panels under our strategic plan to transition our business to center around OLED, which has a strong future growth potential. In the television sector, we are expanding our offerings of premium products such as OLED and UHD products. In particular, with respect to large-sized OLED television display panels, we are continuing to secure additional production capacity of 8.5th generation OLED panels and are planning to further strengthen the fundamentals of our OLED business through building a successful line-up of new products and investments in the 8.5th and 10.5th generation OLED display panel production. In the IT sector, we are increasing the proportion of premium products such as high resolution and wide screen products based on IPS and Oxide technologies. In the mobile sector, we are continuously striving to secure mass production capabilities for 6th generation OLED smartphones through additional investments. We are also strengthening the foundation for the expansion of small- and medium-sized OLED business.

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