

Garabedian Raffi
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Garabedian Raffi

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/21/2013

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Chief Technology Officer

C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or Price			
Common Stock	03/21/2013		M	(1) 4,513 A \$ 0	8,917 (2)	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2013		F	(3) 1,696 D \$ 29	7,221	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2013		M	(4) 1,295 A \$ 0	8,516	D	
Common Stock	03/22/2013		F	(3) 487 D \$ 28.85	8,029	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2013		M	(5) 452 A \$ 0	8,481	D	

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Common Stock 03/24/2013 F 170 ⁽³⁾ D \$ 28.85 8,311 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾	03/21/2013		M	4,513	⁽⁷⁾	⁽⁷⁾	Common Stock	4,513
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾	03/22/2013		M	1,295	⁽⁸⁾	⁽⁸⁾	Common Stock	1,295
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁹⁾	03/24/2013		M	452	⁽¹⁰⁾	⁽¹⁰⁾	Common Stock	452

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Garabedian Raffi C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244			Chief Technology Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino, 03/25/2013
Attorney-in-fact

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 25% of the restricted stock units granted on March 21, 2012
- (2) Includes 501 shares acquired under the First Solar Stock Purchase Plan on November 14, 2012
- (3) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations associated with the vesting of the restricted stock units.
- (4) Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 25% of the restricted stock units granted on March 22, 2011
- (5) Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 20% of the restricted stock units granted on Mach 24, 2010.
- (6) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of the Issuer's common stock in accordance with the Issuer's 2010 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (7) The restricted stock units were granted on March 21, 2012. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (8) The restricted stock units were granted on March 22, 2011. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (9) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of the Issuer's common stock in accordance with the Issuer's Amended and Restated 2006 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (10) The restricted stock units were granted on March 24, 2010. These units are scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 20% on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, and 40% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

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