

Garabedian Raffi
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Garabedian Raffi

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

TEMPE,Â AZÂ 85281-1244

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

05/02/2012

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

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Chief Technology Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

1,371

D Â

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	18,052	\$ 0 (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	3,883	\$ 0 (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common Stock	1,355	\$ 0 (5)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (6)	Â (6)	Common Stock	841	\$ 0 (5)	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (7)	Â (7)	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 266.9	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (8)	Â (8)	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 0 (5)	D	Â

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	Â	Â	Â Chief Technology Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino,
Attorney-in-fact

05/09/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The restricted stock units were granted on April 27, 2009. 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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- (7) The option was granted on July 28, 2008. The option becomes exercisable with respect to approximately 334 shares monthly until July 28, 2012.
- (8) The restricted stock units were granted on July 28, 2008. 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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Remarks:

ExhibitÂ ListÂ -Â ExhibitÂ 24,Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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