

FIRST SOLAR, INC.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Gaffney John T</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., Â 4050 EAST COTTON CENTER BLVD.</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>PHOENIX, Â AZ Â 85040</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/15/2008</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>Executive VP/General Counsel</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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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 | 4,000 ⁽¹⁾ | 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) | |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Option to Buy | Â (2) | 12/31/2014 | Common Stock | 100,000 | \$ 267.14 | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units | Â (4) | Â (4) | Common Stock | 26,203 | \$ (3) | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gaffney John T C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 4050 EAST COTTON CENTER BLVD. PHOENIX, AZ 85040 | Â | Â | Â Executive VP/General Counsel | Â |

Signatures

/s/ John T. Gaffney 01/18/2008

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) On November 17, 2006, Mr. Gaffney purchased 4,000 shares of First Solar, Inc. common stock in an open market transaction at a price of \$24.7599 per share for a total cost of \$99,039.50.
- (2) Of the 100,000 options held, 20,000 will vest on December 31, 2008, 20,000 will vest on December 31, 2009, 20,000 will vest on December 31, 2010, 20,000 will vest on December 31, 2011 and 20,000 will vest on December 31, 2012.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, following vesting, one share of First Solar, Inc. common stock.
- (4) The units are scheduled to vest in 20 equal quarterly installments commencing on March 31, 2008.

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