

FIRST SOLAR, INC.

Form 4

November 10, 2015

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HUGHES JAMES ALTON

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/06/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Executive Officer

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/06/2015		M	(A) or (D) Price	166,667 (1) A \$ 0 167,941	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)**

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Performance Units	(2)	11/06/2015		M	166,667	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	166,667

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HUGHES JAMES ALTON C/O FIRST SOLAR 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244	X Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

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

11/10/2015

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Represents shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of the first tranche of the Key Senior Talent Performance Program ("KSTEPP")
- (1) performance units granted to the reporting person on May 7, 2012. On November 6, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors certified the Issuer's achievement of the vesting condition for the first tranche of the KSTEPP performance units.
- (2) Each performance unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- The performance units were granted on May 7, 2012 in accordance with the Issuer's 2010 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan and shall vest in two separate tranches, each contingent upon the achievement of a threshold performance goal and pre-established performance criteria within a defined performance period. Performance Units will not vest unless the participant is continuously employed by the Issuer through the applicable vesting date, unless the participant is eligible, in certain pre-established circumstances, for a pro-rata settlement. In the event of a change of control of the Issuer during the performance period, regardless of whether the threshold performance goal has been achieved, 25% of the then unvested portion of the performance unit will vest or a different amount as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. For more information, see Part II, Item 5 Other Information, of the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 9, 2015.
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