

Gaffney John T  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Gaffney John T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., 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)  
 12/01/2009

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)  
 Executive VP

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/01/2009		M	17,032 (1)	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2009		F	8,244 (2)	\$ 122.02	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2009		M	1,282 (3)	\$ 0	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2009		F	620 (2)	\$ 122.02	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	12/01/2009		M	17,032	(5) (5)	Common Stock	17,032
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	12/01/2009		M	1,282	(6) (6)	Common Stock	1,282

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Gaffney John T  
C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC.  
350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET SUITE 600  
TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

Executive  
VP

## Signatures

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

12/03/2009

\*\*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 accelerated vesting of the restricted stock units granted on December 31, 2007 pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement.

(2) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations associated with the vesting of the restricted stock units.

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- (3) Represents shares of common stock issued upon accelerated vesting of the restricted stock units granted on April 27, 2009 pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement.
- (4) 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 Plan.

- (5) The restricted stock units were granted on December 31, 2007. The units were scheduled to vest quarterly at a rate of approximately 1,310 shares each quarter until December 31, 2012. All unvested shares became fully vested as of December 1, 2009, the effective date of the Reporting Person's termination of employment with the Issuer, pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement.

- (6) The restricted stock units were granted on April 27, 2009 as part of the Issuer's annual equity grant to executive officers. The units were 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. Twelve months of vesting occurred on December 1, 2009, the effective date of the Reporting Person's termination of employment with the Issuer, pursuant to the terms of the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement.

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