

Widmar Mark R
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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 *
Widmar Mark R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

TEMPE, AZ 85281

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/04/2013

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)
Chief Financial Officer/CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/04/2013 | | M | | 3,744 (1) | A | \$ 0 7,340 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/04/2013 | | F | | 1,181 (2) | D | \$ 26.46 6,159 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/04/2013 | | M | | 14,462 (3) | A | \$ 0 20,621 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/04/2013 | | F | | 4,677 (2) | D | \$ 26.46 15,944 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/04/2013 | | M | | 19,881 (4) | A | \$ 0 35,825 | D |

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Common Stock 04/04/2013 F 9,175⁽²⁾ D \$ 26.46 26,650 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 | <u>(5)</u> | 04/04/2013 | | M | 3,744 | <u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock | 3,744 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(5)</u> | 04/04/2013 | | M | 14,462 | <u>(7)</u> <u>(7)</u> | Common Stock | 14,462 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(5)</u> | 04/04/2013 | | M | 19,881 | <u>(8)</u> <u>(8)</u> | Common Stock | 19,881 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Widmar Mark R C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 TEMPE, AZ 85281 | | | Chief Financial Officer/CAO | |

Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino, 04/08/2013
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 April 4, 2011.
- (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.
- (3) Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 25% of the restricted stock units granted on April 4, 2012.
- (4) Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 40% of the restricted stock units granted on April 4, 2012.
- (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 2010 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (6) The restricted stock units were granted on April 4, 2011 pursuant to the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (7) The restricted stock units were granted on April 4, 2012 as part of the issuer's annual equity grant to executive officers. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
The restricted stock units were granted on April 4, 2012 for retention purposes. The units are scheduled to vest annually from the grant date at a rate of 40% on the first anniversary of the grant date, with 20% scheduled to vest on each of the remaining three anniversaries of the grant date.
- (8) The restricted stock units were granted on April 4, 2012 for retention purposes. The units are scheduled to vest annually from the grant date at a rate of 40% on the first anniversary of the grant date, with 20% scheduled to vest on each of the remaining three anniversaries of the grant date.

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