

FIRST SOLAR, INC.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**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)  
**03/05/2016**

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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/05/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 8,599<br>(1)  | A  | \$ 0 22,757                       | D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/05/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 8,109<br>(2)  | A  | \$ 0 30,866                       | D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/05/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 3,969<br>(3)  | D  | \$ 69.52 26,897                   | D |
| Common Stock                    | 03/05/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 3,743<br>(3)  | D  | \$ 69.52 23,154                   | 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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (4)  | 03/05/2016                           |  | M                              | 8,599   | (5) (5)  | Common Stock  | 8,599   |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (4)  | 03/05/2016                           |  | M                              | 8,109   | (6) (6)  | Common Stock  | 8,109   |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino, Attorney-in-fact 03/08/2016

\*\*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 March 5, 2014.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 25% of the restricted stock units granted on March 5, 2015.

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- (3) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations with the vesting of the restricted stock units.
- (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 2010 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (5) The restricted stock units were granted on March 5, 2014 as part of the Issuer's annual equity grant to executive officers. These units are scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 25% on each anniversary of the grant date, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (6) The restricted stock units were granted on March 5, 2015 as part of the Issuer's annual equity grant to executive officers. These units are scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 25% on each anniversary of the grant date, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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