

Ahearn Michael J
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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 *
 Ahearn Michael J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC, 350
 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
 SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2011

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and Interim CEO

(Street)
 TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2011		A	403 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0	16,751	D	
Common Stock					84,823	I	By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
Common Stock					0	I	By Ahearn Family Foundation

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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ahearn Michael J C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET SUITE 600 TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244	X		Chairman and Interim CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino, 01/04/2012
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).

The shares granted represent the quarterly equity compensation paid to the Issuer's non-associate directors, reflecting the Reporting Person's time served as Chairman of the Board of Directors through October 25, 2011, and prior to his appointment as interim Chief Executive Officer on October 26, 2011.

Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24, Power of Attorney

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