

FIRST SOLAR, INC.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Bueter Christopher | | (Month/Day/Year) | FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 07/01/2015 | |
| C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC.,Â 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | |
| | | | SVP, Human Resources | |
| TEMPE,Â AZÂ 85281-1244 | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 0 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Restricted Stock Units | Â (1) | Â (1) | Common Stock | 2,761 | \$ (2) | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units | Â (3) | Â (3) | Common Stock | 5,204 | \$ (2) | D | Â |
| Performance Units | Â (4) | Â (4) | Common Stock | 50,000 | \$ (5) | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units | Â (6) | Â (6) | Common Stock | 5,804 | \$ (2) | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units | Â (7) | Â (7) | Common Stock | 8,045 | \$ (2) | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bueter Christopher C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244 | Â | Â | Â SVP, Human Resources | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino, 07/10/2015
Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The restricted stock units were granted on March 21, 2012. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) 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.
- (3) The restricted stock units were granted on March 13, 2013. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

The performance units were granted on November 25, 2013 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 Current Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2012.

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Each performance 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 March 5, 2014. 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 March 5, 2015. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24, Power of Attorney

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