FIRST SOLAR, INC. Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Widmar Mark R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Financial Officer

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

03/08/2016

Director X_ Officer (give title

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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

(Street)

SUITE 600

(City)

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of **TransactionDerivative**

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		(
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	03/08/2016		A	18,335	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	18,335	

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 85281-1244

Chief Financial Officer

(In

Signatures

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

03/10/2016

**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) 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 2015 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (2) The restricted stock units were granted on March 8, 2016 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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