

FIRST SOLAR, INC.

Form 3

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FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Gaffney John T

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/15/2008

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☐ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Executive VP/General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting PersonC/O FIRST SOLAR,
INC.,Â 4050 EAST COTTON
CENTER BLVD.

(Street)

PHOENIX,Â AZÂ 85040

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. 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

4,000 ⁽¹⁾

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

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currently valid OMB control number.****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
Derivative5. 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)	
Option to Buy	Â (2)	12/31/2014	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 267.14	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common Stock	26,203	\$ (3)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Other
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		
Gaffney John T C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 4050 EAST COTTON CENTER BLVD. PHOENIX, AZ 85040	Â	Â	Â Executive VP/General Counsel	Â	

Signatures

/s/ John T.
Gaffney

01/18/2008

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) On November 17, 2006, Mr. Gaffney purchased 4,000 shares of First Solar, Inc. common stock in an open market transaction at a price of \$24.7599 per share for a total cost of \$99,039.50.
- (2) Of the 100,000 options held, 20,000 will vest on December 31, 2008, 20,000 will vest on December 31, 2009, 20,000 will vest on December 31, 2010, 20,000 will vest on December 31, 2011 and 20,000 will vest on December 31, 2012.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, following vesting, one share of First Solar, Inc. common stock.
- (4) The units are scheduled to vest in 20 equal quarterly installments commencing on March 31, 2008.

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