

Garabedian Raffi  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Garabedian Raffi		(Month/Day/Year)	FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		05/02/2012		
C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC.,Â 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below) (specify below)	
			Chief Technology Officer	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
TEMPE,Â AZÂ 85281-1244				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**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	1,371	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	18,052	\$ 0 (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	3,883	\$ 0 (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common Stock	1,355	\$ 0 (5)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (6)	Â (6)	Common Stock	841	\$ 0 (5)	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (7)	Â (7)	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 266.9	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (8)	Â (8)	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 0 (5)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Garabedian Raffi C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244	Â	Â	Â Chief Technology Officer	Â

## Signatures

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

05/09/2012

\_\_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 22, 2011. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
  - (4) The restricted stock units were granted on March 24, 2010. These units are scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 20% on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, and 40% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.
  - (5) 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 Amended and Restated 2006 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
  - (6) The restricted stock units were granted on April 27, 2009. These units are scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 20% on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, and 40% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

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- (7) The option was granted on July 28, 2008. The option becomes exercisable with respect to approximately 334 shares monthly until July 28, 2012.
- (8) The restricted stock units were granted on July 28, 2008. These units are scheduled to vest annually at a rate of 20% on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, and 40% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

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### **Remarks:**

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24, Power of Attorney

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