

Widmar Mark R  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Widmar Mark R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., 350  
 WEST WASHINGTON STREET,  
 SUITE 600

(Street)

TEMPE, AZ 85281

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/04/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/04/2012                           |  | M                              | 3,744 A   | \$ 0 4,744  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/04/2012                           |  | F                              | 1,148 D   | \$ 21.73 3,596  | D  |                                   |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (1)  | 04/04/2012                           |  | A                              | 49,701  | (3) (3)  | Common Stock 49,701   |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (1)  | 04/04/2012                           |  | A                              | 57,847  | (4) (4)  | Common Stock 57,847   |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (1)  | 04/04/2012                           |  | M                              | 3,744   | (2) (2)  | Common Stock 3,744  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Widmar Mark R<br>C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC.<br>350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600<br>TEMPE, AZ 85281 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino, 04/06/2012  
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).
- (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 2010 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (2) The restricted stock units were granted on April 4, 2011 pursuant to the Reporting Person's Employment Agreement. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 25% per year, commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) The restricted stock units were granted on April 4, 2012 for retention purposes. The units are scheduled to vest annually from the grant date at a rate of 40% on the first anniversary of the grant date, with 20% scheduled to vest on each of the remaining three anniversaries of the grant date.
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