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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Garabedian Raffi</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC. 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 600 (Street) TEMPE AZ 85281-1244 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FIRST SOLAR, INC. [FSLR]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Technology Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/18/2017</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/18/2017		s ⁽¹⁾		2,247	D	\$70.03 ⁽²⁾	9,227	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2017		s ⁽¹⁾		5,403	D	\$70.07 ⁽³⁾	3,824	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2017		s ⁽¹⁾		3,634	D	\$70.07 ⁽⁴⁾	190	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person on August 4, 2017.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$69.71 to \$70.54. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$69.75 to \$70.70. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$69.77 to \$70.68. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.

/s/ Jason E. Dymbort, attorney-in-fact 12/19/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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