

Ahearn Michael J  
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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 \*  
 Ahearn Michael J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC, 350  
 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
 SUITE 600  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/11/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	03/11/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		27,300	D	\$ 139.52 (2) (4)	1,246,539	I	By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
Common Stock	03/11/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		22,600	D	\$ 140.25 (3) (4)	1,223,939	I	By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
	03/11/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		100	D		1,223,839	I	

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Common Stock					\$ 141.07 <u>(4)</u>				By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
Common Stock	03/14/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	78,000	D	\$ 146.43 <u>(5) (7)</u>	1,145,839	I		By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
Common Stock	03/14/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	32,000	D	\$ 147.02 <u>(6) (7)</u>	1,113,839	I		By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
Common Stock	03/15/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	20,000	D	\$ 153.98 <u>(8) (14)</u>	1,093,839	I		By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
Common Stock	03/15/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	20,000	D	\$ 155.02 <u>(9) (14)</u>	1,073,839	I		By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
Common Stock	03/15/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	16,000	D	\$ 156.09 <u>(10) (14)</u>	1,057,839	I		By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
Common Stock	03/15/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	3,500	D	\$ 157.46 <u>(11) (14)</u>	1,054,339	I		By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
Common Stock	03/15/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	37,628	D	\$ 158.64 <u>(12) (14)</u>	1,016,711	I		By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
Common Stock	03/15/2011	<u>S(1)</u>	2,872	D	\$ 159.11 <u>(13) (14)</u>	1,013,839	I		By Michael J. Ahearn 2006 GRAT
						14,866	D		

Common  
Stock

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

Ahearn Michael J C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC 350 WEST WASHINGTON STREET SUITE 600 TEMPE, AZ 85281-1244				X
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## Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Bartolino, 03/15/2011  
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) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person in November 2010, relating to the sale of up to 800,000 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.
- (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$139.00 to \$139.99. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.

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- (3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$140.00 to \$140.95. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.
- A total of 50,000 shares were sold on this date in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$139.00 to \$141.07, with a total weighted average price of \$139.86. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the staff of the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4)
- (5) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$146.00 to \$146.92. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.
- (6) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$147.00 to \$147.18. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.
- A total of 110,000 shares were sold on this date in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$146.00 to \$147.18, with a total weighted average price of \$146.60. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the staff of the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (7)
- (8) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$153.50 to \$154.30. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.
- (9) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$155.00 to \$155.31. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.
- (10) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$156.00 to \$156.96. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.
- (11) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$157.04 to \$158.00. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.
- (12) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$158.06 to \$159.05. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.
- (13) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$159.06 to \$159.17. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line.
- A total of 100,000 shares were sold on this date in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$153.50 to \$159.17, with a total weighted average price of \$156.55. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the staff of the SEC, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (14)

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