DeJong Philip
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# FORM 4

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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 *
DeJong Philip

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC., 350 WEST WASHINGTON ST., STE 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)
03/21/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2018 | | M | | 8,250 (1) | A | $ 0 | 17,691 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2018 | | F | | 3,470 (2) | D | $ 73.87 | 14,221 | 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) | | 8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 03/21/2018 | | M | | | 8,250 | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 8,250 | $ |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DeJong Philip<br>C/O FIRST SOLAR, INC.<br>350 WEST WASHINGTON ST., STE 600<br>TEMPE, AZ 85281 | | | Chief Operating Officer | |

# Signatures

| /s/ Jason E. Dymbort, attorney-in-fact | 03/22/2018 |
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| **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)** Represents shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 33% of the restricted stock units granted on November 21, 2016.

**(2)** Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Issuer to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations with the vesting of the restricted stock units.

**(3)** 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 2015 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan.

**(4)** The restricted stock units were granted on November 21, 2016 pursuant to the retention equity award. These units are scheduled to vest at a rate of 33% on July 21, 2017, 33% on March 21, 2018 and 34% on November 21, 2018.

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