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

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 Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 18, 2016**

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Meeting Information
Meeting Type: Annual Meeting For holders as of: March 29, 2016 Date: May 18, 2016 Time: 9:00 AM PDT Location: Desert Willow Conference Center 4340 East Cotton Center Boulevard Phoenix, AZ 85040



You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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— Before You Vote —
How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Annual Report 2. Notice & Proxy Statement

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

- 1) BY INTERNET: www.proxyvote.com
- 2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) BY E-MAIL*: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 04, 2016 to facilitate timely delivery.

— How To Vote —

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a "legal proxy." To do so, please follow the instructions at www.proxyvote.com or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a voting instruction form.

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Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends
you vote FOR the following
proposal(s):

1. Election of Directors

Nominees

1A Michael J. Ahearn

1B Sharon L. Allen

1C Richard D. Chapman

1D George A. Hambro

1E James A. Hughes

1F Craig Kennedy

1G James F. Nolan

1H William J. Post

1I J. Thomas Presby

1J Paul H. Stebbins

1K Michael Sweeney

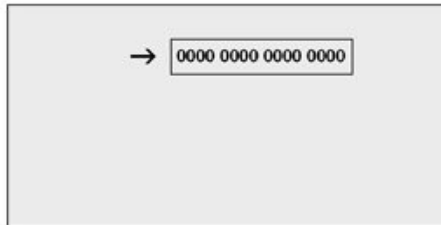
The Board of Directors recommends
you vote FOR the following
proposal(s):

- 2. Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

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NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Voting Instructions

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Stockholder Meeting Notice & Admission Ticket

First Solar, Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on May 18, 2016 at the Desert Willow Conference Center, 4340 East Cotton Center Boulevard, Phoenix, Arizona 85040 at 9:00 a.m. Local Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all the nominees listed, and FOR Proposal 2.

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| 1. Election of Directors: | 01 - Michael J. Ahearn | 02 - Sharon L. Allen | 03 - Richard D. Chapman | 04 - George A. Hambro |
| | 05 - James A. Hughes | 06 - Craig Kennedy | 07 - James F. Nolan | 08 - William J. Post |
| | 09 - J. Thomas Presby | 10 - Paul H. Stebbins | 11 - Michael Sweeney | |
2. Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE – YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you.

Directions to the First Solar 2016 Annual Meeting are available in the proxy statement, which can be viewed at www.envisionreports.com/FSLR.



Here's how to order a copy of the proxy materials and select a future delivery preference:

Paper copies: Current and future paper delivery requests can be submitted via the telephone, Internet or email options below.

Email copies: Current and future email delivery requests must be submitted via the Internet following the instructions below. If you request an email copy of current materials you will receive an email with a link to the materials.

PLEASE NOTE: You must use the number in the shaded bar on the reverse side when requesting a set of proxy materials.

- **Internet** – Go to www.envisionreports.com/FSLR. Click Cast Your Vote or Request Materials. Follow the instructions to log in and order a paper or email copy of the current meeting materials and submit your preference for email or paper delivery of future meeting materials.
- **Telephone** – Call us free of charge at 1-866-641-4276 using a touch-tone phone and follow the instructions to log in and order a paper copy of the materials by mail for the current meeting. You can also submit a preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.
- **Email** – Send email to investorvote@computershare.com with "Proxy Materials FSLR" in the subject line. Include in the message your full name and address, plus the number located in the shaded bar on the reverse, and state in the email that you want a paper copy of current meeting materials. You can also state your preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by May 4, 2016.

▼ IF YOU HAVE NOT VOTED VIA THE INTERNET OR TELEPHONE, FOLD ALONG THE PERFORATION, DETACH AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. ▼



Proxy — First Solar, Inc.

Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors for the Annual Meeting, May 18, 2016, Phoenix, Arizona

2016 Annual Meeting of First Solar, Inc. Stockholders

May 18, 2016, 9:00 a.m. (Local Time)

Desert Willow Conference Center, 4340 East Cotton Center Boulevard, Phoenix, Arizona 85040

The undersigned hereby appoints James A. Hughes, Paul J. Kaleta and Peter C. Bartolino (the "proxies"), or any of them, with full power of substitution, to represent and to vote the Common Stock of the undersigned at the annual meeting of stockholders of First Solar, Inc., to be held at the Desert Willow Conference Center, 4340 East Cotton Center Boulevard, Phoenix, Arizona 85040, on May 18, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., or at any adjournment thereof as stated on the reverse side.

You are encouraged to specify your choices by marking the appropriate boxes, SEE REVERSE SIDE, but you need not mark any boxes if you wish to vote in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendations. The proxies cannot vote your shares unless you sign and return this card.