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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 6-K**

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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of May 2012

Commission File Number: 001-33107

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**CANADIAN SOLAR INC.**

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No. 199 Lushan Road

Suzhou New District

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**Suzhou, Jiangsu 215129**

**People's Republic of China**

(Address of principal executive office)

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CANADIAN SOLAR INC.

By: /s/ Shawn (Xiaohua) Qu  
Name: Shawn (Xiaohua) Qu  
Title: Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 18, 2012

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