

FIRST SOLAR, INC.  
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**IMPORTANT FIRST SOLAR ANNUAL  
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INFORMATION YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

**Stockholder Meeting Notice & Admission Ticket**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
First Solar, Inc. Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on June 4, 2009**

Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual stockholders meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and annual report to stockholders are available at:**

**Easy Online Access A Convenient Way to View Proxy Materials and Vote**

**When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.**

**Step 1:** Go to [www.envisionreports.com/FSLR](http://www.envisionreports.com/FSLR) to view the materials.

**Step 2:** Click on **Cast Your Vote or Request Materials**.

**Step 3:** Follow the instructions on the screen to log in.

**Step 4:** Make your selection as instructed on each screen to select delivery preferences and vote.

**When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future materials.**

**Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials** If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before May 22, 2009 to facilitate timely delivery.

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**Stockholder Meeting Notice & Admission Ticket**

**First Solar, Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on June 4, 2009 at Desert Willow Conference Center, 4340 East Cotton Center Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85040 at 10:00 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 that you vote FOR the following proposals:**

1. Election of Directors.
2. Ratification of appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as First Solar, Inc.'s Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the fiscal year ending December 26, 2009.

**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 2009 Annual Meeting are available in the proxy statement, which can be viewed at [www.envisionreports.com/FSLR](http://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 numbers in the shaded bar on the reverse side when requesting a set of proxy materials.

- **Internet** Go to [www.envisionreports.com/FSLR](http://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.
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- **Email** Send email to [investorvote@computershare.com](mailto:investorvote@computershare.com) with Proxy Materials FSLR in the subject line. Include in the message your full name and address, plus the three numbers 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 22, 2009.

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Materials Meeting Information Meeting Type: Annual Meeting FIRST SOLAR, INC. , For holders as of:  
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will include a voting instruction form.

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Voting items The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following: 1. Election of Directors I Nominees 01 Michael J. Ahearn 02 Craig Kennedy 03 James F. Nolan 04 J. Thomas Presby 05 Paul H. Stebbins 06 Michael Sweeney 07 Jose H. Villarreal The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal (s): B Ratification of appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm A for the fiscal year ending December 26, 2009 R NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. C O O E -7 I 0000 0000 0000 I Broadridge Internal Use Only xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Cusip Job # Envelope # Sequence # # of # Sequence #

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