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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 3, 2013

FIRST SOLAR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-33156 20-4623678 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

350 West Washington Street

Suite 600

Tempe, Arizona 85281

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 414-9300

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensation Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective April 8, 2013, First Solar, Inc. (the "Company") and James G. Brown, Executive Vice President, Global Business Development, mutually agreed to end Mr. Brown's employment with the Company. Mr. Brown will receive certain compensation and benefits in accordance with the terms of his employment agreement. Mr. Brown is also subject to a non-competition and non-solicitation agreement and a confidentiality and intellectual property agreement, both of which shall continue to apply in accordance with their terms.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST SOLAR, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: April 5, 2013 By: /s/ Mary Beth Gustafsson

Name: Mary Beth Gustafsson

Title: Executive Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary