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First Solar, Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on May 21, 2014 at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel, 60 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona 85281 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, FOR Proposals 2 and 3 and AGAINST Proposals 4 and 5.

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, 2014.
3. Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.
4. Stockholder proposal regarding accelerated vesting of equity awards upon change in control.
5. Stockholder proposal regarding majority voting standard in uncontested director elections.

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