

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

First Solar, Inc. (the “Company”) and James A. Hughes have mutually agreed that Mr. Hughes will no longer serve in an advisory capacity to the Company and will step down from the Board of Directors of the Company, effective September 1, 2016. Mr. Hughes will receive certain compensation and benefits in connection with the termination of his employment in accordance with the terms of his employment agreement. Mr. Hughes entered into a non-competition and non-solicitation agreement and a confidentiality and intellectual property agreement upon his employment, both of which shall continue to apply in accordance with their terms.

On September 2, 2016, the Company issued a press release regarding the foregoing, which is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release of First Solar, Inc. dated September 2, 2016

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.

Date: September 2, 2016 By: /s/ PAUL KALETA
Name: Paul Kaleta
Title: Executive Vice President and General Counsel