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First Solar PV Modules Receive UK MCS Certification

MAINZ, Germany – 6 June , 2011 – First Solar, Inc. (Nasdaq: FSLR) today announced that its innovative, thin-film solar photovoltaic (PV) modules have received accreditation under the U.K. Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS), opening the door to the use of its modules in systems that benefit from the United Kingdom's feed-in tariff.

The MCS accreditation is an internationally recognized quality assurance scheme which validates the quality and reliability of approved products that satisfy rigorous standards. Product certification involves type testing of products and an assessment of the manufacturing processes, materials, procedures, and staff training. .

"The MCS is a key prerequisite to serving the U.K. market," said TK Kallenbach, head of First Solar's Components Business Group. "Installers and products that carry the MCS mark provide end-customers with assurance that their PV systems comply with rigorous international standards." .

The MCS accreditation applies to First Solar's Series 3 modules FS-370 to FS-385 and can be consulted at http://www.microgenerationcertification.org/mcs-consumer/product-search.php

About First Solar, Inc.

First Solar manufactures solar modules with an advanced semiconductor technology and provides comprehensive photovoltaic (PV) system solutions. The company is delivering an economically viable alternative to fossil-fuel generation today. From raw material sourcing through end-of-life collection and recycling, First Solar is focused on creating cost-effective, renewable energy solutions that protect and enhance the environment. For more information about First Solar, please visit www.firstsolar.com.

For First Solar Investors

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