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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On November 30, 2018, Royal Solar GK (the “Project Company”), a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Japan and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of First Solar, Inc., entered into a credit agreement with Shinsei Bank, Ltd. (the “Credit Facility”). The Credit Facility provides for aggregate borrowings up to ¥11.8 billion (\$104 million) for the development and construction of a 25 MW_{AC} photovoltaic power plant located in Gunma, Japan.

The Credit Facility consists of a ¥10.5 billion (\$93 million) term loan facility, a ¥0.9 billion (\$8 million) consumption tax facility, and a ¥0.4 billion (\$4 million) debt service reserve facility. The term loan facility and the debt service reserve facility bear interest at 6-month Tokyo Interbank Offered Rate (“TIBOR”) plus 0.65%, and the consumption tax facility bears interest at 6-month TIBOR plus 0.50%. Interest on the term loan facility and the debt service reserve facility is payable bi-annually, and interest on the consumption tax facility is payable quarterly. Principal on the term loan facility is payable in scheduled bi-annual installments from September 2020 to the maturity of the facility in September 2038. The debt service reserve facility also matures in September 2038. The consumption tax facility is expected to mature in 2021. The Credit Facility is secured by pledges of the Project Company’s assets, accounts, material project documents, and by the equity interests in the Project Company. The Credit Facility contains customary representations and warranties, covenants, and events of default for comparable term loan facilities in Japan.

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: December 4, 2018 By: /s/ PAUL KALETA
Name: Paul Kaleta
Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary