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**First Solar Module Technology Selected for Agri Business Rooftop Energy Plant**

*Solar rooftop facility will reduce carbon footprint and provide hedge against rising electricity costs*

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, June 2, 2015 – First Solar, Inc. (Nasdaq: FSLR) today announced that its advanced module technology has been selected to power a new rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) power plant for BKB Limited in South Africa. The 468 Kilowatt (kW) project is under construction at BKB Limited’s head office in Port Elizabeth and is expected to supply between 20% and 30% percent of the building’s annual site demand.

The power plant is expected to produce 750,000kWh of energy per annum, equivalent to the energy needs of approximately 200 average South African homes. The project is being engineered and constructed by Rhino Energy, a South African company specializing in the installation and engineering of renewable energy solutions. The project will take a maximum of six weeks to complete, from the start of construction to commissioning and handover.

“As a leading agricultural business in South Africa**,** BKB Limited is intimately aware of how vulnerable the agricultural sector is to the impact of climate change. The decision to reduce our environmental impact through solar technology was a natural and strategically important decision for the group.The implementation of a solar PV system not only reduces BKB’s carbon footprint and hedges against sharply rising electricity costs, but is also an imperative in lowering the carbon intensity of the natural fibres that we supply into international markets,” said Wolf Edmayr, Managing Director of BKB Limited.

“By consciously selecting solar energy to address its energy needs, BKB has contributed to the energy transition that is redefining global energy portfolios. This project is part of a broader response by corporations around the world that are actively fulfilling their commitment to be environmentally- and socially-aware, while also hedging against rising energy costs,” said Nasim Khan, Vice President for Africa at First Solar. “We applaud BKB for leading by example and for establishing a new benchmark in renewable energy for South Africa’s business community.”

Dr. Stuart Fredman, Managing Director of Rhino Energy added: “The First Solar panels were the ideal solution for us as they offer highly predictable energy in all climates and applications, and are smaller and much lighter than any other available technologies, without compromising in any way on the efficiency and energy yield required. This makes the installation faster as well as safer when working on a roof structure, while at the same time ensuring that the client still achieves the fastest energy payback time.”

**About First Solar, Inc.**

First Solar is a leading global provider of comprehensive photovoltaic (PV) solar systems which use its advanced thin-film modules. The company’s integrated power plant solutions deliver an economically attractive alternative to fossil-fuel electricity generation today. From raw material sourcing through end-of-life module recycling, First Solar’s renewable energy systems protect and enhance the environment. For more information about First Solar, please visit [www.firstsolar.com](http://www.firstsolar.com).

**For First Solar Investors**

This release contains forward-looking statements which are made pursuant to safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include statements, among other things, concerning: our business strategy, including anticipated trends and developments in and management plans for our business and the markets in which we operate; future financial results, operating results, revenues, gross margin, operating expenses, products, projected costs, warranties, solar module efficiency and balance of systems cost reduction roadmaps, product reliability and capital expenditures; our ability to continue to reduce the cost per watt of our solar modules; our ability to reduce the costs to construct PV solar power systems; research and development programs and our ability to improve the conversion efficiency of our solar modules; sales and marketing initiatives; and competition. These forward-looking statements are often characterized by the use of words such as "estimate," "expect," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "intend," "believe," "forecast," "foresee," "likely," "may," "should," "goal," "target," "might," "will," "could," "predict," "continue" and the negative or plural of these words and other comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements are only predictions based on our current expectations and our projections about future events. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements for any reason. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the matters discussed in Item 1A: "Risk Factors," of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other reports filed with the SEC.

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