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First Solar Hires Kathy Weiss as Vice President, Government Relations

PHOENIX, Jan 24, 2008 (PrimeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- First Solar, Inc. (Nasdaq:FSLR) announced the appointment of Kathy Weiss as vice president, government relations, based in New York, NY. In this new position, Weiss is responsible for overseeing the development and advocacy of First Solar's public policy positions and will manage First Solar's state and federal affairs activities. Ms. Weiss will report to John Gaffney, executive vice president and general counsel.

"Kathy brings a wealth of government affairs experience that will support First Solar's vision of enabling a world powered by clean, affordable solar electricity," said John Gaffney. "I look forward to working with her as we expand our advocacy outreach efforts and strengthen our relationships with policymakers and the communities we serve."

Most recently, Weiss served as vice president, government and public affairs for Centex. Prior to this appointment, Weiss served in government affairs and investor relations' roles with MeadWestvaco and its predecessor Westvaco. She earned a M.P.S from the Graduate School of Political Management and a B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles.

About First Solar

First Solar, Inc. (Nasdaq:FSLR) manufactures solar modules with an advanced thin film semiconductor process that significantly lowers solar electricity costs. By enabling clean renewable electricity at affordable prices, First Solar provides an economic alternative to peak conventional electricity and the related fossil fuel dependence, greenhouse gas emissions and peak time grid constraints. For more information about First Solar, please visit www.firstsolar.com.

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