TESLA MOTORS INC

Form 4

October 16, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b). (Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Straubel Jeffrey B

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

(Check all applicable)

3500 DEER CREEK ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/14/2013

X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

below)

below) Chief Technical Officer

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

(Instr. 3)

10/14/2013

A $75^{(1)}$

Α \$0

91,625 (2)

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Straubel Jeffrey B 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD PALO ALTO, CA 94304

Chief Technical Officer

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey B

Straubel 10/16/2013

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The shares will vest 100% on December 5, 2014.
- (2) Amount of securities beneficially owned includes 500 shares acquired under the Tesla Motors, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan on August 30, 2013.

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