

Kohler Herbert  
Form 4  
June 15, 2011

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Kohler Herbert

(Last) (First) (Middle)

MERCEDESSTRASSE 137

(Street)

STUTTGART, 2M 70327

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/13/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify  
below)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security		Code	V	(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
					(A)	(D)			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.43	06/13/2011	A		16,666		<u>(1)</u>	06/12/2018	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.43	06/15/2011	J	<u>(2)</u>		16,666	<u>(1)</u>	06/12/2018	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.43	06/15/2011	J	<u>(2)</u>	16,666		<u>(1)</u>	06/12/2018	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kohler Herbert MERCEDESSTRASSE 137 STUTTGART, 2M 70327			X	

## Signatures

/s/ Herbert  
Kohler

06/15/2011

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

Shares subject to the option become vested and exercisable upon the earlier of (i) June 13, 2012 or (ii) the day prior to the date of the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Issuer following June 13, 2011; subject to the reporting person continuing to serve as a director of the Issuer through such date.

(2) The reporting person transferred the option to Daimler North America Corporation on June 15, 2011, and is an employee of an affiliate of Daimler North America Corporation. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the option and the shares subject to the option, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

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