TESLA MOTORS INC

Form 4

September 17, 2014

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

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obligations

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

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may continue. See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Straubel Jeffrey B

Symbol

TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

3500 DEER CREEK ROAD

(Month/Day/Year)

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

09/16/2014

Chief Technical Officer

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

(Street)

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

3.

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

4. Securities

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)

(D) Price

Code V Amount

Common Stock

09/16/2014

M 9,334

101,481 (1) D

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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	Pate	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.1	09/16/2014		M	9,334	<u>(2)</u>	11/08/2014	Common Stock	9,334

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting of their runner, reduces	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Straubel Jeffrey B 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD PALO ALTO, CA 94304			Chief Technical Officer			

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey B.
Straubel 09/16/2014

**Signature of 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).
- (1) Amount of securities beneficially owned includes 17 shares acquired under the Tesla Motors, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan on August 29, 2014.
- The option vested over four years. 1/4th of the shares subject to the option become vested and exercisable one year from date of hire and (2) 1/48th of the shares subject to the option became vested and exercisable each month thereafter. The option was fully vested as of May 31, 2010.

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