Straubel Jeffrey B Form 4 February 13, 2013

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Middle) (Last) (First)

3500 DEER CREEK ROAD

(Street)

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

(Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2013

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Technical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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Person

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if

Code (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. Transactionof Code

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** Derivative (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative

Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Securities

Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date

Exercisable

Expiration Date

Title

Numbe of Shares

Amour

or

Non-Qualified

Stock Option (right to buy)

\$ 38.42 02/11/2013

350 Α

02/11/2013 02/11/2023

Common Stock

350

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

02/13/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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