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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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC., 3500
 DEER CREEK ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 07/02/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Technology Officer

(Street)
 PALO ALTO, CA 94304

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C		18,018 A <u>(1)</u> 273,267	D	
Common Stock	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C		6,167 A <u>(2)</u> 279,434	D	
Common Stock	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	P		200 A \$ 17 279,634	D	

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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 Derivative Security	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 (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P Deriv Sec (Ins	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Series B Preferred Stock	(1)	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C	54,054	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	18,018
Series C Preferred Stock	(2)	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C	17,261	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	6,167

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Straubel Jeffrey B C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC. 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD PALO ALTO, CA 94304			Chief Technology Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey B.

Straubel

07/02/2010

**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).

(1) Each share of the Issuer's Series B preferred stock automatically converted to .333333 of a share common stock upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering and has no expiration date.

(2) Each share of the Issuer's Series C preferred stock automatically converted into .350013 of a share of common stock upon the closing the Issuer's initial public offering, and has no expiration date.

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