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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

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

(First)

C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC, 3500

(Street)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

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

11/22/2016

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

Chief Technical Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

DEER CREEK ROAD

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	` ′	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)
Common Stock	11/22/2016		M(1)	33,430	A	\$ 6.63	359,655	D	
Common Stock	11/22/2016		S <u>(1)</u>	7,830	D	\$ 190.078 (2)	351,825	D	
Common Stock	11/22/2016		S <u>(1)</u>	25,600	D	\$ 191.046 (3)	326,225	D	
Common Stock	11/22/2016		M(1)	8,653	A	\$ 6.63	334,878	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.63	11/22/2016		M	8,653	<u>(4)</u>	12/03/2016	Common Stock	8,6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.63	11/22/2016		M	33,430	<u>(4)</u>	12/03/2016	Common Stock	33,4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Straubel Jeffrey B C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

3500 DEER CREEK ROAD Chief Technical Officer

Signatures

By: Jonathan Chang by Power of Attorney For: Jeffrey B.

Straubel 11/25/2016

**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) The reporting person exercised stock options to purchase 42,083 shares of Tesla common stock that were expiring soon. In connection with the exercise, the reporting person sold 33,430 shares to pay related exercise costs and income taxes.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$189.64 to \$190.61, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Tesla Motors, Inc., any security holder of Tesla Motors, Inc. or

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the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$190.66 to \$191.31, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Tesla Motors, Inc., any security holder of Tesla Motors, Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (4) 1/48th of the shares subject to the option become vested and exercisable on September 16, 2009 and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall become vested and exercisable each month thereafter.

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