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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA] A Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew (Month/Day/Year) 06/28/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year)

550 UNIVERSITY AVE.

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

Other

_X__ Director

Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

PALO ALTO, CAÂ 94301

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)

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Series D Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	3,829,481	\$ (1)	I	See Footnote (2)
Series E Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	4,343,392	\$ <u>(1)</u>	I	See Footnote (2)
Right to Buy (Common Stock) (3)	05/09/2008	06/05/2014	Common Stock	33,333	\$ 1.8	I	See Footnote (3)
Right to Buy (Common Stock) (4)	03/03/2011	03/02/2017	Common Stock	16,666	\$ 9.96	I	See Footnote (4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew 550 UNIVERSITY AVE. PALO ALTO, CA 94301	ÂΧ	Â	Â	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Ira Ehrenpreis 06/25/2010

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 he Issuer's Series D preferred stock and Series E preferred stock will automatically convert into .333333 of a share of common stock upon the closing the Issuer's initial public offering, and has no expiration date.
- These shares are owned directly by Technology Partners Fund VIII, L.P. The reporting person is a managing member of the general partner of such entity, and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficiary owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.
- 1/4th of the shares subject to the option became vested and exercisable on May 9, 2008 and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall become vested and exercisable each month thereafter. The option is held by TP Management VIII, LLC. The reporting person is a(3) managing member of the general partner of such entity, and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficiary owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.
- 100% of the shares subject to the option will become vested and exercisable on March 3, 2011. The option is held by TP Management VIII, LLC. The reporting person is a managing member of the general partner of such entity, and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficiary owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

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Remarks:

The anticipated effective date of Issuer's initial public offering is June 28, 2010.

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