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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

100 SHORELINE HWY, SUITE 282, BLDG. B

4. If Amendment, Date Original

12/09/2011

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

below)

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

(City)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficia	lly 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. Securities or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ľ))	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	12/09/2011	12/09/2011	J	1,618	A	\$ 33.53	3,446	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2011	12/09/2011	J	531,000	D	\$ 33.53	1,593,290	I	See Footnotes (1) (2)

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/		Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	ying ies	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew 100 SHORELINE HWY SUITE 282, BLDG. B MILL VALLEY, CA 94941	X						

Signatures

Ira M. Ehrenpreis

12/12/2011

Date **Signature of Reporting Person

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) These shares are owned directly by Technology Partners Fund VIII, L.P.

The reporting person is a managing member of TP Management VIII, L.L.C., the general partner of Technology Partners Fund VIII, L.P., and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemend an admission that the reporting person is the benificiary owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

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