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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

Person *

Musk Elon

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

06/28/2010

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O TESLA MOTORS. INC., Â 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD

(Street)

(Check all applicable) _X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner

X Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Pres, Prod Architect & Chairmn 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. CAÂ 94304

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock 2,666,666 Ι By Trust

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 (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of Price of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Series A Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	4,880,343	\$ <u>(1)</u>	I	By Trust
Series B Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	12,162,167	\$ <u>(1)</u>	I	By Trust
Series C Preferred Stock	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	10,572,687	\$ <u>(2)</u>	I	By Trust
Series D Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	4,097,877	\$ <u>(1)</u>	I	By Trust
Series E Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	40,825,647	\$ <u>(1)</u>	I	By Trust
Option to Buy (Common Stock) (3)	12/04/2009	12/03/2016	Common Stock	3,355,986	\$ 6.63	D	Â
Option to Buy (Common Stock)	(4)	12/03/2016	Common Stock	3,335,986	\$ 6.63	D	Â
Series C Preferred Stock Warrants (right to buy) (2)	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	325,441	\$ <u>(5)</u>	I	By Trust

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Musk Elon C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC. 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD PALO ALTO, CA 94304	ÂX	ÂX	Pres, Prod Architect & Chairmn	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Elon Musk 06/25/2010

**Signature of 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).
- Each share of the Issuer's Series A preferred stock, Series B preferred stock, 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
- (2) Each share of the Issuer's Series C preferred stock will automatically convert into .350013 of a share of common stock upon the closing the Issuer's initial public offering, and has no expiration date.

(3)

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1/4th of the shares subject to the option became vested and exercisable on December 4, 2009 and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall become vested and exercisable each month thereafter.

- (4) Shares subject to the option become vested and exercisable upon the Issuer's achievement of certain performance objectives set forth in the option agreement.
- (5) The warrant will be automatically net exercised by the reporting person on the effective date of Issuer's initial public offering. If not exercised, the warrant will automatically expire.

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Remarks:

The nticipated effective date of Issuer initial public offering is June 28, 2010.

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