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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gracias Antonio J.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/16/2011

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title

C/O VALOR EQUITY PARTNERS, 200 S. MICHIGAN **AVE SUITE 1020**

(Street)

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

CHICAGO, IL 60604

(City)	(State) (Zip) 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 onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
_			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	11/16/2011		S	1,295	D	\$ 35	1,791,152	I	By VEP I (1)		
Common Stock							46,626	D			
Common Stock							164,611	I	by AJG Growth Fund (2)		
Common Stock							89,678	I	by VEP II		

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	•
	Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	į
	Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	
	(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	į
		Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	. 3 and 4)		
		Security				Acquired						1
		-				(A) or						į
						Disposed						
						of (D)						
						(Instr. 3,						
						4, and 5)						
										Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	of				
									Number			
					Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gracias Antonio J. C/O VALOR EQUITY PARTNERS 200 S. MICHIGAN AVE SUITE 1020 CHICAGO, IL 60604



Signatures

/s/ Antonio J.

Gracias 11/17/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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- * 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).
- These shares are owned directly by Valor Equity Partners, L.P. ("VEP I"). VEP I is advised directly and/or indirectly by Valor
- (1) Management Corp. which may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by VEP I. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares held directly by VEP I, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) AJG Growth Fund LLC is the record and direct beneficial owner of 164,611 shares, of which the reporting person is a manager of AJG Growth Fund LLC and may be deemed to have an indirect pecuniary interest in the shares owned by AJG Growth Fund LLC.
- (3) Valor Equity Management II, L.P. ("VEP II") is the record and direct beneficial owner of a total of 89,678 shares. The reporting person is a shareholder and director of Valor Management Corp. general partner of VEP II and may be deemed to have an indirect pecuniary

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interest in the shares owned by VEP II.

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