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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person **
Musk Elon

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

3500 DEER CREEK ROAD

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/03/2012

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

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 10/03/2012	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	on(A) or Di	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock			Code V $P_{\underline{(1)}}$	Amount 35,398	(A) or (D)	Price \$ 28.25	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 27,203,237	I	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)			onNumber	Expiration D		Amou		Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	Secur
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	. 3 and 4)		Owne
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					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
						Date	Expiration	Title	Number		
						Exercisable	sable Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Musk Elon							
3500 DEER CREEK ROAD	X	X	CEO				
PALO ALTO CA 94304							

Signatures

/s/ Elon R. Musk 10/04/2012

**Signature of Person Date

**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) The Elon Musk Revocable Trust dated July 22, 2003, for which the reporting person is trustee, purchased 35,398 shares of the issuer's common stock in a registered common stock offering by the issuer that closed on October 3, 2012.

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