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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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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			
<i>(</i> T , 1)	(F' A)	0.5111	•	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
C/O VALOR EQUITY PARTNERS,			12/05/2011	Officer (give title Other (spec			
L.P., 200 S. MICHIGAN AVE				below) below)			
SUITE 1020		, , , , _					
3011L 1020							
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			

CHICAGO, IL 60604

	Form filed by More than One Reporting
	Person
Table I Non Dominatine Committee Ass	

(City)	(State) 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)	(A) or		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	12/05/2011		S	1,500	D		1,822,985	I	By VEP I	
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. Title	e and	8. Price of	١
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)]
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired						J
					(A) or						J
					Disposed						-
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
							Expiration Date	Title 1	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Couc v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

X

Signatures

/s/ Antonio J.

Gracias 12/07/2011

**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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