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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ahuja Deepak			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
3500 DEER CREEK ROAD			(Month/Day/Year) 05/31/2011	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify		
			03/31/2011	below) below)		
				Chief Financial Officer		
	(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		
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PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative s	Securi	ties Acc	quired, 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities nAcquired (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	05/31/2011		M	5,000	A	\$ 2.7	5,500	D	
Common Stock	05/31/2011		S <u>(1)</u>	5,000	D	\$ 30	500	D	

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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.7	05/31/2011		M	5,000	07/31/2009(2)	09/02/2015	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ahuja Deepak

3500 DEER CREEK ROAD Chief Financial Officer

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

Signatures

/s/ Deepak Ahuja 06/01/2011

**Signature of 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 sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 9, 2011.
- (2) 1/4th of the shares subject to the option first become vested and exercisable on the date listed and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall become vested and exercisable each month thereafter.

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