

Kroeger Harald
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Kroeger Harald

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 BELA-BARENYI-STRASSE
 (Street)

SINDELFINGEN, 2M 71063
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/21/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4)
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	Derivative Security		Code	V	(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
					(A)	(D)			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34	12/21/2012	A		33,333		<u>(1)</u>	12/21/2019	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34	12/21/2012	J ⁽²⁾		33,333		<u>(1)</u>	12/21/2019	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34	12/21/2012	J ⁽²⁾		33,333		<u>(1)</u>	12/21/2019	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kroeger Harald BELA-BARENYSI-STRASSE SINDELFINGEN, 2M 71063			X	

Signatures

/s/ Harald
Kroeger

12/24/2012

 **Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

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) 25% of the shares subject to the options become vested and exercisable on December 12, 2013 and 1/48th of the shares subject to the options will become vested and exercisable each month thereafter.

- (2) The reporting person transferred the options to Daimler North America Corporation ("DNAC") on December 21, 2012. The reporting person is a vice president of an affiliate of DNAC and disclaims beneficial ownership of the options and the shares subject to the options, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

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