

Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew
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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 *
 Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew

(Last) (First) (Middle)

TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS, 550
 UNIVERSITY AVE.

(Street)

PALO ALTO, CA 94301

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/09/2011

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) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/09/2011 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 1,618 | A \$ 31.04 | 3,446 ⁽²⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 12/09/2011 | | J ⁽³⁾ | 531,000 | D \$ 31.04 | 1,593,290 | I See Footnote |

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 Derivative Security | 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 (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS 550 UNIVERSITY AVE. PALO ALTO, CA 94301 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Ira Matthew
Ehrenpreis
Date: 12/13/2011

**Signature of 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) These shares were received by the reporting person as part of a pro-rata distribution effected by Technology Partners Fund, VIII, L.P. The reporting person is a managing member of TP Management VIII, L.L.C., the general partner of Technology Partners Fund VIII, L.P., and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the benefit of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficiary owner of such securities for section 16 or any other purpose.
- (3) Shares transferred as part of a pro-rata distribution effected by Technology Partners Fund, VIII, L.P. to certain individuals, effected on December 9, 2011.

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