TESLA MOTORS INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Musk Elon

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(First) (Middle) TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

(Check all applicable)

(Street)

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

05/19/2016

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title

_X__ 10% Owner __ Other (specify

C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC, 3500

DEER CREEK ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

below) below) **CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative Sec	uritie	s Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities a prior Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 an	of (D)	red (A)	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	05/19/2016		M(1)	2,147,986	A	\$ 6.63	31,727,328 (2)	I	by Trust
Common Stock	05/19/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	3,355,986	A	\$ 6.63	35,083,314 (2)	I	by Trust
Common Stock	05/19/2016		G(3)	1,200,000	D	\$0	33,883,314 (2)	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)

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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.63	05/19/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	2,147,986	12/04/2009	12/03/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.63	05/19/2016		M(1)	3,355,986	12/04/2009	12/03/2016	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Musk Elon						
C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC	X	X	CEO			
3500 DEER CREEK ROAD	Λ	Λ	CEO			
PALO ALTO CA 94304						

Signatures

By: Jonathan Chang by Power of Attorney For: Elon R
Musk

05/23/2016

**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).
- The reporting person exercised stock options to purchase an aggregate of 5,503,972 shares of Tesla's common stock in a transaction (1) exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The reporting person intends to sell 2,782,670 of these shares in an underwritten registered offering solely in order to pay income tax related to these stock option exercises.
- (2) In connection with the transactions described in footnote 1, any issuer shares that continue to be held by the reporting person will be held indirectly by the Elon Musk Revocable Trust dated July 22, 2003, for which the reporting person is a trustee.
- (3) The reporting person gifted 1.2 million shares of Tesla's common stock to charity.

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