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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Tesla, Inc. [TSLA] A Ahuja Deepak (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2017 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O TESLA, INC, 3500 DEER (Check all applicable) CREEK ROAD (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Chief Financial Officer Person PALO ALTO, Â CAÂ 94304 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 14,874 Common Stock 38,989 I Ahuja Family Trust Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	02/13/2022	Common Stock	5,035	\$ 31.49	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	01/13/2024	Common Stock	33,750	\$ 139.34	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Ahuja Deepak					
C/O TESLA, INC	â	â	Chief Financial Officer	â	
3500 DEER CREEK ROAD	А	A	A Cinei Financiai Officei	A	
PALO ALTO, CA 94304					

Signatures

Deepak Ahuja	03/13/2017		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) 1/48th of the shares subject to the option vested on each monthly anniversary of the grant date, so that all such shares became vested as of the fourth anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) 33,750 remaining shares of the 50,000 shares subject to the original option grant will become vested and exercisable upon the Issuer's achievement of certain performance objectives set forth in the option agreement.

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