

Gracias Antonio J.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Gracias Antonio J.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VALOR EQUITY PARTNERS, 200 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1020

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60604

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/02/2010

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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C	1,992,447	A	<u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	1,992,447	I	See Footnotes (3) (6)
Common Stock	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C	136,351	A	<u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	136,351	I	See Footnotes (4) (6)
Common Stock	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C	2,756,881	A	<u>(1)</u>	2,756,881	I	See Footnotes (5) (6)

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)	
					V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Series B Preferred Stock	(1)	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C		2,702,702	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	900,900
Series C Preferred Stock	(2)	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C		1,057,268	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	370,057
Series D Preferred Stock	(1)	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C		1,229,363	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	409,787
Series E Preferred Stock	(1)	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C		9,614,808	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	3,204,93

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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C/O VALOR EQUITY PARTNERS  
200 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1020  
CHICAGO, IL 60604

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## Signatures

/s/ Antonio J.  
Gracias

07/02/2010

\*\*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) Each share of Issuer's Series B preferred stock, Series D preferred stock and Series E preferred stock automatically converted to .333333 of a share common stock upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering and has no expiration date.
- (2) Each share of Issuer's Series C preferred stock automatically converted into .350013 of a share of common stock upon the closing the Issuer's initial public offering, and has no expiration date.
- (3) These shares are owned directly by Valor Equity Partners, L.P. ("VEP I").
- (4) These shares are owned directly by Valor VC LLC ("VC").
- (5) These shares are owned directly by VEP Tesla Holdings LLC ("VEP").

VEP and VEP I are advised directly and/or indirectly by Valor Management Corp. which may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the shares held directly by VEP and VEP I. Valor Management Corp. disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares held directly by VEP and VEP I. The reporting person is a shareholder and director of Valor Management Corp. and a managing member of VC, and may be deemed the beneficial owner of the shares held directly by VEP, VEP I and VC. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares held directly by VEP, VEP I and VC, except to the extent 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.

- (7) 308,381 of these shares are owned directly by VEP I and 61,676 shares are owned directly by VC.
- (8) 2,756,881 shares are owned directly by VEP, 373,379 shares are owned directly by VEP I and 74,675 shares are owned directly by VC.

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