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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Al Darmaki H.E. Ahmed Saif

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

06/28/2010

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

7TH FLR., ADWEA

BUILDING, 6TH STREET

(Street)

_X__ Director Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

4. Relationship of Reporting

(Check all applicable)

Person(s) to Issuer

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

10% Owner

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

ABU DHABI, COÂ

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

Title

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. 5. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Form of Ownership Derivative (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Security: Security Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

						(Instr. 5)	
Series F Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	21,891,419	\$ <u>(1)</u>	I	See Footnote (2)
Right to Buy (Common Stock) (3)	08/31/2010	12/03/2016	Common Stock	33,333	\$ 6.63	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
Topologies Charles Charles	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Al Darmaki H.E. Ahmed Saif 7TH FLR., ADWEA BUILDING, 6TH STREET ABU DHABI, COÂ	ÂX	Â	Â	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Ahmed Saif Al
Darmaki

**Signature of Reporting

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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) The Issuer's Series F preferred stock will automatically convert into .333333 of a share of common stock upon the closing the Issuer's initial public offering, and has no expiration date.
- These shares are owned directly by Al Wahada Capital Investment LLC, a wholly owned affiliate of Abu Dhabi Water and Electric

 Authority. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein and 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) 1/4th of the shares subject to the option will become vested and exercisable on August 31, 2010 and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall become vested and exercisable each month thereafter.

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Remarks:

The anticipated effective date of Issuer initial public offering is June 28, 2010.

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