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Bay Area Council Statement on Toyota, Tesla Partnership at NUMMI

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20, 2010 – Governor Schwarzenegger, Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Toyota President Akio Toyoda today announced that Tesla and Toyota will partner to build electric vehicles at the recently shuttered NUMMI plant in Fremont. Bay Area Council President & CEO Jim Wunderman made the following statement regarding the newly announced partnership.

“This is a smart partnership for Tesla and Toyota because of the increased market and appetite for electric vehicles in California,” said Jim Wunderman, President & CEO of the Bay Area Council. “By utilizing the NUMMI plant, this partnership will generate hundreds of green jobs and further solidify the Bay Area as the hub for clean tech in California. I applaud Governor Schwarzenegger for his efforts to retain jobs in the state, and for his continued commitment to keeping California on the leading and cutting edge.”

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