

Tesla to sell \$1B in stock and notes to increase capital

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Electric car and solar cell maker Tesla Inc. wants to raise over \$1 billion in new capital by selling stock and five-year convertible notes.

The company says the offerings will strengthen its balance sheet and reduce risks from scaling up to produce the \$35,000 Model 3 electric car starting in July.

The company plans to offer \$250 million worth of [common stock](#) and \$750 million in notes due in 2022. Underwriters can buy another 15 percent, which would bring the total proceeds to about \$1.15 billion.

Tesla says CEO Elon Musk will buy \$25 million of the stock.

The company lost just under \$675 million last year but revenue rose 73 percent to just over \$7 billion.

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