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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 8, 2021 (November 2, 2021)

**Riot Blockchain, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-33675**

(Commission File Number)

**84-1553387**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**202 6th Street, Suite 401  
Castle Rock, CO 80104**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(303) 794-2000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Title of each class**

Common Stock

**Trading Symbol(s)**

RIOT

**Name of each exchange on which registered**

Nasdaq Capital Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

### **Item 1.01 – Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On November 2, 2021, Riot Blockchain, Inc. (“Riot,” “us,” “we,” “our,” or the “Company”) entered into a Non-Fixed Price Sales and Purchase Agreement, dated effective as of October 31, 2021, (the “Purchase Agreement”) with Bitmain Technologies Limited (“Bitmain”) to acquire 9,000 additional Antminer model S-19j Pro (100 Terahash per second (“TH/s”) or better) Bitcoin mining computers (the “Miners”) with a purchase price of approximately \$56.25 million (subject to adjustments, offsets and costs as set forth in the Purchase Agreement) (the “Purchase Price”).

Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, the Miners will be rated to produce approximately 900,000 TH/s of mining power in the aggregate and will be delivered in six batches of approximately 1,500 Miners (each, a “Batch”) on a monthly basis between May 2022 and October 2022.

Riot paid a refundable down payment of 25% of the total Purchase Price in connection with the execution of the Purchase Agreement, and, subject to the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement, will pay the remainder of the Purchase Price as follows: (i) 35% of the Purchase Price per Batch due five months in advance of the scheduled shipment date for the Batch, and (ii) the remaining 40% per Batch due one month in advance of the shipment date for such Batch.

The foregoing description of the Purchase Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Purchase Agreement, a copy of which is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this “Current Report”) and is incorporated by reference herein.

### **Item 5.02 - Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

#### *(e) Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.*

On November 5, 2021, the Company entered into an amendment (“Amendment No. 1”) to its Executive Employment Agreement, dated as of April 6, 2021, with its Chief Operating Officer (principal operating officer) (“COO”), Megan M. Brooks, (the “Brooks Employment Agreement”), to reflect the new compensation arrangement approved by the Compensation and Human Resources Committee of Riot’s Board of Directors (the “Board”).

The Compensation and Human Resources Committee of the Board authorized this new compensation arrangement in recognition of Ms. Brooks’ significant contributions to the integration of the Company and its subsidiary, Whinstone US, Inc. (“Whinstone”), as well as to the ongoing development and expansion of the Company’s Bitcoin Miner fleet and the capacity at the Company’s Rockdale, Texas Whinstone mining facility.

Pursuant to Amendment No. 1, the Company has increased Ms. Brooks’ annual base salary to \$325,000 per year for the remainder of the three-year term of the Brooks Employment Agreement, effective immediately, and granted Ms. Brooks an additional equity award of 6,000 restricted stock units (“RSUs”) under the Company’s Riot Blockchain, Inc. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, (the “2019 Equity Plan”). Contingent upon Ms. Brooks’ entry into an equity award agreement under the 2019 Equity Plan, these 6,000 RSUs will be eligible to vest in four equal quarterly tranches, commencing on January 1, 2022, subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable equity award agreement and the 2019 Equity Plan.

Except for this salary increase, the terms and conditions of the Brooks Employment Agreement, as disclosed by the Company in its current report on Form 8-K filed on April 7, 2021, remain unchanged.

The foregoing description of Brooks Employment, as amended by Amendment No. 1, does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of Amendment No. 1 to the Brooks Employment Agreement, filed as Exhibit 10.2 to this Report and incorporated by reference herein, and of the Brooks Employment Agreement, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company’s current report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on April 7, 2021, and incorporated by reference herein.

### **Item 7.01 – Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On November 3, 2021, Riot Blockchain issued a press release (the “Press Release”) announcing its Bitcoin mining production and other operations updates for October 2021. A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is also available on the “Investors” page of our website, [www.riotblockchain.com/investors](http://www.riotblockchain.com/investors), under the “News and Events – Press Releases” tab (<https://www.riotblockchain.com/investors/news-events/press-releases>).

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 of this Current Report, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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Riot Blockchain communicates information about the Company through our company website ([www.riotblockchain.com/](http://www.riotblockchain.com/)), our investor relations website ([www.riotblockchain.com/investors](http://www.riotblockchain.com/investors)), our filings with the Commission, press releases, public conference calls, webcasts, site tours and our various social media accounts. We post information about the Company (which may or may not be material) via the following social media accounts: our Twitter handle (@RiotBlockchain), our LinkedIn page (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/riot-blockchain/>) and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/RiotBlockchain/>). We also post updates specific to the development of our Whinstone Bitcoin mining facility through Whinstone’s social media accounts, including Whinstone’s Twitter handle (@WhinstoneUS) and its Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/whinstoneus/>). The social media channels used by Riot Blockchain and its subsidiary, Whinstone, may be updated by the Company from time to time.

Although Riot Blockchain does not intend for its social media accounts to be its primary method of disclosure for material information, it is possible that certain information the Company posts on its social media accounts may be deemed material to investors. Therefore, Riot Blockchain is notifying investors, the media and other interested parties that it intends to use its social media accounts, together with its investor relations website, traditional press releases, and filings with the Commission, to publish important information about the Company, including information that may be deemed material to investors. Riot Blockchain encourages investors, the media and other interested parties to review the information we post on our investor relations website and social media channels, in addition to information announced by the Company through our filings with the Commission, press releases, webcasts and other presentations.

### **Item 8.01 – Other Events.**

Effective as of January 1, 2022, the Board has approved, on the recommendation of the Company’s Compensation and Human Resources Committee, a change to the compensation offered for service as a non-employee director of the Company by establishing a monthly cash retainer of an additional \$1,000 for service as a chairperson of each of the Board’s three standing committees (the Audit Committee, the Compensation and Human Resources Committee, and the Governance and Nominating Committee). Except with respect to this additional \$1,000 monthly cash retainer, the Company’s director compensation package remains as set forth in the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2020, as amended, as filed with the Commission on Form 10-K on March 31, 2021, as amended on Form 10-K/A on April 30, 2021.

## Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this Current Report, including those made in the documents incorporated by reference herein, that are not statements of historical fact may be forward-looking statements that reflect management's current expectations, assumptions and estimates of future performance and economic conditions. Such statements are made in reliance on the safe harbor provisions of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Because such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Words such as "anticipates," "believes," "plans," "expects," "intends," "will," "potential," "hope" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The assumptions and expectations expressed in these forward-looking statements may never materialize or may prove to be incorrect. Actual results and the timing of events could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements as a result of various risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements about the benefits of our acquisition of Whinstone US, Inc., including financial and operating results of both companies following the acquisitions, and the Company's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions for the future. Among the risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed in forward-looking statements, include, but are not limited to: unaudited estimates of BTC production; our future hash rate growth (expressed in terms of exahashes per second (EH/s)); our anticipated benefits of immersion-cooling, our expected schedule of new miner deliveries; our ability to successfully deploy new miners; MW capacity under development; the integration of the businesses of the Company and Whinstone may not be successful, or such integration may take longer or be more difficult, time-consuming or costly to accomplish than anticipated; failure to otherwise realize anticipated efficiencies and strategic and financial benefits from the acquisition of Whinstone; and the impact of COVID-19 on us, our customers, or on our suppliers in connection with our estimated timelines. Detailed information regarding other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by statements in this press release may be found in the Company's filings with the SEC, including in the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, and our other filings with the SEC, including, but not limited to the additional risk factors set forth in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 26, 2021, copies of which may be obtained from the SEC's website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). All forward-looking statements included in this Current Report, including those made in the documents incorporated by reference herein, are made only as of the date of this Current Report and, as applicable the date of the documents incorporated by reference herein. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that subsequently occur, or of which the Company hereafter becomes aware, except as required by law. Persons reading this Current Report and the documents incorporated by reference herein are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

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## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1†	<a href="#"><u>Non-Fixed Price Sales and Purchase Agreement by and between Riot Blockchain, Inc. and Bitmain Technologies Limited, dated effective as of October 31, 2021, for the acquisition of 9,000 additional Antminer model S-19j Pro (100 TH/s) Miners.</u></a>
10.2	<a href="#"><u>Amendment No. 1 to the Brooks Employment Agreement, dated effective November 5, 2021.</u></a>
99.1*	<a href="#"><u>Press Release, dated November 3, 2021 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of this Current Report).</u></a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

† Portions of this Exhibit have been omitted as confidential information.

\* The information contained in this Press Release is furnished but not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 8, 2021

RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey McGonegal  
Jeffrey McGonegal  
Chief Financial Officer

[\*\*\*\*] Certain information in this exhibit has been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(10)(iv) of Regulation S-K because it is both (i) not material and (ii) would likely cause competitive harm to the registrant if publicly disclosed.

**NON-FIXED PRICE  
SALES AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**Bitmain Technologies Limited  
("Bitmain")**

**AND**

**Riot Blockchain, Inc  
("Purchaser")**

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This non-fixed price sales and purchase agreement (this “Agreement”) is made, effective as of October 29, 2021, by and between Bitmain Technologies Limited (“Bitmain”) (Company number: [\*\*\*\*]), with its registered office at Unit A1 of Unit A, 11th Floor, Success Commercial Building, 245-251 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong, PRC, and Riot Blockchain, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the “Purchaser”), with its principal place of business at 202 6th Street, Suite 401, Castle Rock, CO 80104, USA.

Bitmain and the Purchaser shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as the “Parties”, and individually as a “Party”.

Whereas:

1. Purchaser fully understands the market risks, the price-setting principles and the market fluctuations relating to the Products sold under this Agreement.
2. Purchaser has purchased the Products through the website of Bitmain (i.e., <https://shop.bitmain.com/>, similarly hereinafter) for many times, and is familiar with the purchase order processes of Bitmain’s website.
3. Based on the above consensus, the Purchaser is willing to purchase and Bitmain is willing to supply the Products, consisting of cryptocurrency mining hardware and other ancillary equipment, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The Parties hereto agree as follows:

### **1. Definitions and Interpretations**

The following terms, as used herein, have the following meanings:

“Affiliate” means, with respect to any Person, any other Person directly or indirectly Controlling, Controlled by, or under common Control with such Person; “Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, proprietorship, association, limited liability company, firm, trust, estate or other enterprise or entity (whether or not having separate legal personality); and “Control” means the power or authority, whether exercised or not, to direct the business, management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, provided that such power or authority shall conclusively be presumed to exist upon possession of beneficial ownership or power to direct the vote of more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes entitled to be cast at a meeting of the members or shareholders of such Person or power to control the composition of a majority of the board of directors of such Person. The terms “Controlled” and “Controlling” have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“Applicable Law” means any treaty, law, decree, order, regulation, decision, statute, ordinance, rule, directive, code or other document that has legal force under any system of law, including, without limitation, local law, law of any other state or part thereof or international law, and which creates or purports to create any requirement or rule that may affect, restrict, prohibit or expressly allow the terms of this Agreement or any activity contemplated or carried out under this Agreement.

“Bank Account” means the bank account information of Bitmain provided in Appendix A of this Agreement.

“Force Majeure” means in respect of either Party, any event or occurrence whatsoever beyond the reasonable control of that Party, which delays, prevents or hinders that Party from performing any obligation imposed upon that Party under this Agreement, including to the extent such event or occurrence shall delay, prevent or hinder such Party from performing such obligation, war (declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, acts of sabotage, blockade, fire, lightning, acts of god, national strikes, riots, insurrections, civil commotions, quarantine restrictions, epidemics, earthquakes, landslides, avalanches, floods, hurricanes, explosions and regulatory and administrative or similar action or delays to take actions of any governmental authority.

“Intellectual Property Rights” means any and all intellectual property rights, including but not limited to those concerning inventions, patents, utility models, registered designs and models, engineering or production materials, drawings, trademarks, service marks, domain names,

applications for any of the foregoing (and the rights to apply for any of the foregoing), proprietary or business sensitive information and/or technical know-how, copyright, authorship, whether registered or not, and any neighbor rights.

“Order” means the Purchaser’s request to Bitmain for certain Product(s) in accordance with this Agreement.

“Product(s)” means the merchandise that Bitmain will provide to the Purchaser in accordance with this Agreement.

“Total Purchase Price” means the aggregate amount payable by the Purchaser as set out in Appendix A of this Agreement.

“Warranty Period” means the period of time that the Product(s) are covered by the warranty granted by Bitmain or its Affiliates in accordance with Clause 7 of this Agreement.

“Warranty Start Date” means the date on which the Product(s) are delivered to the carrier.

Interpretations:

- i) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa where the context so requires.
- ii) The headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be taken into consideration in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

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- iii) References to Clauses and Appendix(es) are references to Clauses and Appendix(es) of this Agreement.
- iv) Unless specifically stated otherwise, all references to days shall mean calendar days.
- v) Any reference to a code, law, statute, statutory provision, statutory instrument, order, regulation or other instrument of similar effect shall include any re-enactment or amendment thereof for the time being in force.

## **2. Sales of Product(s)**

Bitmain will provide the Product(s) set forth in Appendix A (attached hereto as part of this Agreement) to the Purchaser in accordance with provisions of Clause 2, Clause 3, Clause 4, Clause 5 and Appendix A of this Agreement, and the Purchaser shall make payment in accordance with the terms specified in this Agreement.

2.1. Both Parties agree that the Product(s) shall be sold in accordance with the following steps:

- (i) The Purchaser shall place the Order through Bitmain’s website or through other methods accepted by Bitmain, and such Order shall constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase specific Product(s) from Bitmain.
- (ii) After receiving the Order, Bitmain will send an order receipt confirmation email to the Purchaser. The Purchaser’s Order will be valid for a period of twenty-four (24) hours after its placement, and upon expiration of such period, Bitmain will have the right to cancel the Order at its sole discretion if the Purchaser fails to pay the down payment in accordance with Appendix A of this Agreement.
- (iii) The Purchaser shall pay the Total Purchase Price in accordance with Appendix A of this Agreement.
- (iv) Upon receipt of each installment of the Total Purchase Price, Bitmain will provide a payment receipt to the Purchaser via email.
- (v) Upon receipt of each installment of the Total Purchase Price paid by the Purchaser in accordance with Appendix B to this Agreement, Bitmain shall arrange shipment of the Products to the Purchaser in accordance with the shipment schedule and instructions specified on Appendix A to this Agreement.
- (vi) Bitmain will send a shipping confirmation to the Purchaser after it has delivered the Product(s) to the carrier.

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2.2. Both Parties acknowledge and agree that the order receipt confirmation and the payment receipt shall not constitute nor be construed as Bitmain’s acceptance of the Purchaser’s Order, but mere acknowledgement of the receipt of the Order and the Total Purchase Price; provided, however, that if Bitmain does not issue the order confirmation or otherwise does not accept the Purchaser’s Order, Bitmain shall return the down payment and any further amounts advanced by the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement.

- 2.3. Both Parties acknowledge and agree that in case of product unavailability, Bitmain shall have the right to cancel the Order after it has issued the order receipt confirmation, the payment receipt or the shipping confirmation without any penalty or liability, except to return the down payment and any further amounts advanced by the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement.
- 2.4. The Purchaser acknowledges and confirms that the Order is irrevocable and cannot be cancelled by the Purchaser, and that the Product(s) ordered are neither returnable nor refundable. All sums paid by the Purchaser to Bitmain shall not be subject to any abatement, set-off, claim, counterclaim, adjustment, reduction, or defense for any reason except for non-shipment of the Products pursuant to Section 5.4. Down payment and payment of Total Purchase Price are not refundable, save as otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties or Bitmain's non-shipment of the Products pursuant to Section 5.4.

### **3. Prices and Terms of Payment**

- 3.1 The Total Purchase Price (inclusive of any tax due and payable by the Purchaser) shall be paid in accordance with the payment schedule set forth in Appendix B of this Agreement.
- 3.2 In the event that the Purchaser fails to fully settle the respective percentage of the Total Purchase Price before the prescribed deadlines and fails to make a written request to Bitmain no less than five (5) Business Days prior to the prescribed deadline and obtain Bitmain's written consent, Bitmain shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement and the Purchaser shall be liable for a reasonable liquidated damage (not a penalty) of [20]% of the purchase price of such batch of Products. If there are any remaining balance after deducting the liquidated damage, such remaining balance shall be refunded to the Purchaser free of any interest. If the Purchaser fails to pay the down payment on a timely basis and Bitmain has arranged production or procurement, Bitmain shall be entitled to request the Purchaser to be responsible for the loss related to such production or procurement.
- 3.3 The Total Purchase Price set forth in this Agreement is merely an estimate of the price and not the actual price. The actual price will be determined [15] days before the Payment Deadline for the applicable batch of Products set forth on Appendix B and with reference to the market circumstances, provided that the actual price shall not be higher than the estimated price.

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- 3.4 Upon receipt of notification of the actual price provided by Bitmain, the Purchaser shall be entitled to three options:
  - (i) continue to perform the Order of the current batch of the Product(s) with the original rated hashrate and pay the remaining amount at the actual price; or
  - (ii) request Bitmain to increase the rated hashrate in equivalent to the difference in price. Under this circumstance, Bitmain shall have the right to negotiate with the Purchaser for the amount of the additional rated hashrate based on its then inventory; or
  - (iii) partially or wholly cancel the Order of the current batch of Product(s).
  - (iv) Under this circumstance, the Purchaser shall not claim any refund from Bitmain. If the Purchaser has made payments and there is remaining balance, such remaining balance shall be credited to the balance of the Purchaser and its affiliates. The payments for the batches that the Purchaser has cancelled cannot be used as down payments for any batch listed in this Agreement.

Furthermore, the Purchaser shall confirm in writing the result of its exercise of the options under this Clause within two (2) Business Days after Bitmain provides the Purchaser with the actual price, and if it is overdue and no agreement is reached between the Parties, the Purchaser shall be deemed to have voluntarily and irrevocably waived its option under this Clause and the Parties shall continue to perform the Order of the current batch of Product(s) with the original rated hashrate and the Purchaser shall pay the remaining amount at the actual price.

- 3.5 The Parties shall confirm the corresponding batch of the Product(s) of each payment before such payment is made by the Purchaser. This confirmation shall be used to determine matters where different arrangements are applicable to different batches, such as the defaults of the Purchaser and the product discount offered to the Purchaser.
- 3.6 The Parties understand and agree that the applicable prices of the Product(s) are inclusive of applicable bank transaction fee, but are exclusive of any and all applicable import duties, taxes and governmental charges. The Purchaser shall pay or reimburse Bitmain for all taxes levied on or assessed against the amounts payable hereunder. If any payment is subject to withholding, the Purchaser shall pay such additional amounts as necessary, to ensure that Bitmain receives the full amount it would have received had payment not been subject to such withholding.

### **4. Product Discount**

Based on the sales results and sales strategy, Bitmain is willing to offer the following discount as set forth in this Clause 4 as follows:

- 4.1. With respect of the signing of this Agreement, Bitmain offers the following discount to the Purchaser:
  - 4.1.1. The Products under this Agreement consists of six (6) batches and the discount amount of each batch shall be calculated separately.

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4.1.2. Bitmain may provide different discounts to the Purchaser based on the actual amount of the prepayment and the payment time.

Discount Amount = Amount of prepayment \* 1% \* Number of months prepaid. The amount of prepayment shall be calculated at the end of each month. The number of months prepaid shall be calculated from the month of payment without counting the month of estimated delivery. If delivery is delayed (except for delays caused by Bitmain's gross negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct), delayed months shall not be counted. For clarification, the payment date shall be the date as evidenced in the remittance copy of such payment, and the discount term shall be calculated when the respective amounts under this Agreement have been received by Bitmain in full and without further consideration of the remaining amount. Payment schedules may be further adjusted in accordance with the actual situations.

4.1.3. If the Purchaser fails to make the payments on time, the discount applicable to such batch shall be cancelled.

4.2. No additional discount beyond the discount set forth in this Section 4 will be offered by Bitmain to the Purchaser.

## 5. Shipping of Product(s)

5.1. Bitmain shall deliver the Products in accordance with the shipping schedule to the first carrier or the carrier designated by the Purchaser.

5.2. Subject to the limitations stated in Appendix A, the terms of delivery of the Product(s) shall be CIP (carriage and insurance paid to (named place of destination) according to Incoterms 2010) to the place of delivery designated by the Purchaser. Once the Product(s) have been delivered to the carrier and the full purchase price of the Products is adequately covered by insurance during international transport with the beneficiary of such insurance being the Purchaser, Bitmain shall have fulfilled its obligation to supply the Product(s) to the Purchaser, and the title and risk of loss or damage to the Product(s) shall pass to the Purchaser.

5.3. In the event of any discrepancy between this Agreement and Bitmain's cargo insurance policy regarding the insurance coverage, the then effective Bitmain cargo insurance policy (as summarized on Appendix A) shall prevail, and Bitmain shall be required to provide the then effective insurance coverage to the Purchaser; *provided, however*, in the event such cargo insurance policy shall change or a new policy is adopted, Bitmain shall notify the Purchaser of such change and shall provide the Purchaser with reasonable opportunity to secure additional cargo insurance coverage prior to the shipment of the applicable batch of the Products.

5.4. If Bitmain fails to deliver the Products after thirty (30) days after the prescribed deadline, the Purchaser shall be entitled to cancel the Order of such batch of Products and request Bitmain to refund the price of such undelivered batch of Products, together with an interest at 0.0333% per day for the period from the next day of each payment of the price of such batch of Products to the date immediately prior to the request. In the event that the Purchaser does not cancel the Order of the undelivered batch of Products and requests Bitmain to perform its delivery obligation, Bitmain shall continue to perform its delivery obligation and compensate the Purchaser in accordance with Clause 5.5 of this Agreement.

5.5. If Bitmain postpones the shipping schedule of the Products and the Purchaser does not cancel the Order, Bitmain shall make a compensation to the Purchaser on daily basis, the amount of which shall equal to 0.0333% of the price of such undelivered batch of Products, which compensation shall be made in the form of delivery of more rated hashrate; *provided, however*, if such amount is less than the purchase price of one unit of the Product then in effect, such amount shall be credited to the balance of the Total Purchase Price due from the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement, which shall be reflected in the user system on Bitmain's official website, which shall be viewable by the Purchaser.

5.6. There are six (6) batches of Products under this Agreement, and each batch shall constitute independent legal obligations of and shall be performed separately by the Parties. The delay of a particular batch shall not constitute waiver of the payment obligation of the Purchaser in respect of other batches. The Purchaser shall not be entitled to terminate this Agreement solely on the ground of delay of delivery of a single batch of Products.

5.7. The purchaser shall choose the following shipping method:

Shipping by Bitmain via Fedex/DHL/UPS/other logistics company ;  Self-pick

Note: Logistics costs shall be borne by the Purchaser. Bitmain may collect payments on behalf of the services providers and issue services invoices if the Purchaser requests Bitmain to send the Products.

5.8. Bitmain shall not be responsible for any delivery delay caused by the Purchaser or any third party, including but not limited to the carrier, the customs, and the import brokers, nor shall it be liable for damages, whether direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, or otherwise, for any failure, delay or error in delivery of any Product(s) for any reason whatsoever.

5.9. Subject to the Products being adequately covered by insurance pursuant to this Agreement during delivery of the Products to the Purchaser, Bitmain shall not be responsible, and the Purchaser shall be fully and exclusively responsible for any loss of Product(s), personal injury, property damage, other damage or liability caused by the Product(s) or the transportation of the Product(s) either to the Purchaser or any third party, or theft of the Product(s) during transportation from Bitmain to the Purchaser.

- 5.10. Bitmain has the right to discontinue the sale of the Product(s) and to make changes to its Product(s) at any time, without prior approval from or notice to the Purchaser; *provided, however*, the actual quoted hashrate of the Products delivered to the Purchaser shall be minimum quoted hashrate of the Products set forth on Appendix A.
- 5.11. If the Product(s) is rejected and/or returned back to Bitmain because of any reason and regardless of the cause of such delivery failure other than as the result of Bitmain's gross negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct, the Purchaser shall be solely and exclusively liable for and shall defend, fully indemnify and hold harmless Bitmain against any and all related expenses, fees, charges and costs incurred, arising out of or incidental to such rejection and/or return (the "Return Expense"). Furthermore, if the Purchaser would like to ask for Bitmain's assistance in redelivering such Product(s) or assist in any other manner, and if Bitmain at its sole discretion decides to provide this assistance, then in addition to the Return Expense, the Purchaser shall also pay Bitmain an administrative fee in accordance with Bitmain's then applicable internal policy.
- 5.12. The Purchaser must indicate place of delivery, and Bitmain will ship the Product(s) to such designated place. If the Purchaser fails to provide Bitmain with the delivery place or the delivery place provided by the Purchaser is a false address or does not exist, Bitmain may issue the Purchaser a notice of self-pick-up (which shall specify the self-pick-up location) and ask the Purchaser to pick up the Products itself. The earliest date for self-pick-up mentioned in the above notice shall be deemed as the delivery date. Bitmain shall be deemed to have completed the delivery obligation under this Agreement when the Purchaser receives the above notice. The Purchaser shall pick up all the Products within five (5) working days after receiving the notice from Bitmain. Otherwise, Bitmain is entitled to charge the Purchaser the storage fee, warehousing charge and other fees according to the standard of USD 2/ unit / day.
- 5.13. The Purchaser shall inspect the Products within two (2) Business Days (the "Acceptance Time") after receiving the Products (the date of signature on the carrier's delivery voucher shall be the date of receipt), if the Purchaser does not raise any written objection within the agreed Acceptance Time, the Products delivered by Bitmain shall be deemed to be in full compliance with the provisions of this Agreement.

## **6. Customs**

- 6.1. Bitmain shall obtain in due time and maintain throughout the term of this Agreement (if applicable), any and all approvals, permits, authorizations, licenses and clearances for the export of the Product(s) that are required to be obtained by Bitmain or the carrier under Applicable Laws.

- 6.2. The Purchaser shall obtain in due time and maintain throughout the term of this Agreement (if applicable), any and all approvals, permits, authorizations, licenses and clearances required for the import of the Product(s) to the country of delivery as indicated in the shipping information, that are required to be obtained by the Purchaser or the carrier under Applicable Laws, and shall be responsible for any and all additional fees, expenses and charges in relation to the import of the Product(s).

## **7. Warranty**

- 7.1. Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section 7, Bitmain warrants to the Purchaser that during the Warranty Period, each Product will conform to the applicable product requirements and specifications and perform and operate as intended and as set forth on Bitmain's website for each Product. The Warranty Period shall start on the Warranty Start Date and end on the 365<sup>th</sup> day after the Warranty Start Date. During the Warranty Period, the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy, and Bitmain's entire liability, will be to repair or replace, at Bitmain's option, the defective part/component of the Product(s) or the defective Product(s) at no charge to the Purchaser. If the Purchaser requires Bitmain to provide any warranty services, the Purchaser shall create a maintenance order on Bitmain's website during the Warranty Period (the time of creation of the maintenance order shall be determined by the display time of such order on Bitmain's website) and send the Product to the place designated by Bitmain within the time limit required by Bitmain. Otherwise, Bitmain shall be entitled to refuse to provide the warranty service.
- 7.2. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the warranty provided by Bitmain as stated in the preceding paragraph does not apply to the following:
- (i) normal wear and tear;
  - (ii) damage resulting from accident, abuse, misuse, neglect, improper handling or improper installation;

- (iii) damage or loss of the Product(s) caused by undue physical or electrical stress, including but not limited to moisture, corrosive environments, high voltage surges, extreme temperatures, shipping, or abnormal working conditions;
- (iv) damage or loss of the Product(s) caused by acts of nature including, but not limited to, floods, storms, fires, and earthquakes;
- (v) damage caused by operator error, or non-compliance with instructions as set out in accompanying documentation;
- (vi) alterations by persons other than Bitmain, associated partners or authorized service facilities;

- (vii) Product(s), on which the original software has been replaced or modified by persons other than Bitmain, associated partners or authorized service facilities;
- (viii) use of counterfeit products;
- (ix) damage or loss of data due to interoperability with current and/or future versions of operating system, software and/or hardware;
- (x) damage or loss of data caused by improper usage and behavior which is not recommended and/or permitted in the product documentation;
- (xi) failure of the Product(s) caused by usage of products not supplied by Bitmain; and
- (xii) hash boards or chips are burnt.

In case the warranty is voided, Bitmain may, at its sole discretion, provide repair service to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser shall bear all related expenses and costs.

- 7.3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that the Product(s) provided by Bitmain do not guarantee any cryptocurrency mining time and, Bitmain shall not be liable for any cryptocurrency mining time loss or cryptocurrency mining revenue loss that are caused by downtime of any part/component of the Product(s). Bitmain does not warrant that the Product(s) will meet the Purchaser's requirements or the Product(s) will be uninterrupted or error free. Except as provided in Clause 7.1 of this Agreement, Bitmain makes no warranties to the Purchaser with respect to the Product(s), and no warranties of any kind, whether written, oral, express, implied or statutory, including warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or non-infringement or arising from course of dealing or usage in trade shall apply.
- 7.4. In the event of any ambiguity or discrepancy between this Clause 7 of this Agreement and Bitmain's After-sales Service Policy from time to time, it is intended that the After-sales Service Policy shall prevail and the Parties shall comply with and give effect to the After-sales Service Policy. Please refer to the website of Bitmain for detailed terms of warranty and after-sales maintenance. Bitmain has no obligation to notify the Purchaser of the update or modification of such terms.
- 7.5. During the warranty period, if the hardware product needs to be repaired or replaced, the Purchaser shall bear the logistics costs of shipping the Product to the address designated by Bitmain, and Bitmain shall bear the logistics costs of shipping back the repaired or replaced Product to the address designated by the Purchaser. The Purchaser shall bear all and any additional costs incurred due to incorrect or incomplete delivery information provided by the Purchaser and all and any risks of loss or damage to the Product, or the parts or components of the Products during the transportation period (including the transportation period when the product is sent to Bitmain and returned by Bitmain to the Purchaser).

## 8. Representations and Warranties

The Purchaser makes the following representations and warranties to Bitmain:

- 8.1. It has the full power and authority to purchase the Products and carry on its businesses.
- 8.2. The obligations expressed to be assumed by it under this Agreement are legal, valid, binding and enforceable obligations.
- 8.3. It has the power to enter into, perform and deliver, and has taken all necessary action to authorize its entry into, performance and delivery of, this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- 8.4. The entry into and performance by it of, and the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement do not and will not conflict with:
  - (i) any Applicable Law;

- (ii) its constitutional documents; or
- (iii) any agreement or instrument binding upon it or any of its assets.

8.5. All authorizations required or desirable:

- (i) to enable it lawfully to enter into, exercise its rights under and comply with its obligations under this Agreement;
- (ii) to ensure that those obligations are legal, valid, binding and enforceable; and
- (iii) to make this Agreement admissible in evidence in its jurisdiction of incorporation,

have been or will have been by the time, obtained or effected and are, or will be by the appropriate time, in full force and effect.

8.6. It is not aware of any circumstances which are likely to lead to:

- (i) any authorization obtained or effected not remaining in full force and effect;
- (ii) any authorization not being obtained, renewed or effected when required or desirable; or
- (iii) any authorization being subject to a condition or requirement which it does not reasonably expect to satisfy or the compliance with which has or could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect.

8.7. (a) It is not the target of economic sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of State, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury or Singapore ("Sanctions"), including by being listed on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) List maintained by OFAC or any other Sanctions list maintained by one of the foregoing governmental authorities, directly or indirectly owned or controlled by one or more SDNs or other Persons included on any other Sanctions list, or located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the target of Sanctions, and (b) the purchase of the Product(s) will not violate any Sanctions or import and export control related laws and regulations.

8.8. All information supplied by the Purchaser is and shall be true and correct, and the information does not contain and will not contain any statement that is false or misleading.

## **9. Indemnification and Limitation of Liability**

9.1. The Purchaser shall, during the term of this Agreement and at any time thereafter, indemnify and save Bitmain and/or its Affiliates harmless from and against any and all damages, suits, claims, judgments, liabilities, losses, fees, costs or expenses of any kind, including legal fees, whatsoever arising out of or incidental to the Products pursuant to this Agreement. Bitmain shall, during the term of this Agreement and at any time thereafter, indemnify and save the Purchaser harmless from and against any and all damages, suits, claims, judgments, liabilities, losses, fees, costs or expenses of any kind, including legal fees, whatsoever arising out of or incidental to any Product(s) infringing on Intellectual Property Rights of a third party.

9.2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, neither party shall under no circumstances, be liable to each other for any consequential loss, or loss of goodwill, business, anticipated profits, revenue, contract, or business opportunity arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, and each party hereby waives any claim it may at any time have against the other party in respect of any such damages. The foregoing limitation of liability shall apply whether in an action at law, including but not limited to contract, strict liability, negligence, willful misconduct or other tortious action, or an action in equity.

9.3. Each Party's cumulative aggregate liability pursuant to this Agreement, whether arising from tort, breach of contract or any other cause of action shall be limited to and not exceed the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Total Purchase Price actually received by Bitmain from the Purchaser for the Product(s).

9.4. The Product(s) are not designed, manufactured or intended for use in hazardous or critical environments or in activities requiring emergency or fail-safe operation, such as the operation of nuclear facilities, aircraft navigation or communication systems or in any other applications or activities in which failure of the Product(s) may pose the risk of environmental harm or physical injury or death to humans. Bitmain specifically disclaims any express or implied warranty of fitness for any of the above described application and any such use shall be at the Purchaser's sole risk.

- 9.5. The above limitations and exclusions shall apply (1) notwithstanding failure of essential purpose of any exclusive or limited remedy; and (2) whether or not such Party has been advised of the possibility of such damages. This Clause allocates the risks under this Agreement and Bitmain's pricing reflects this allocation of risk and the above limitations.

## **10. Distribution**

- 10.1. This Agreement does not constitute a distributor agreement between Bitmain and the Purchaser. Therefore, the Purchaser is not an authorized distributor of Bitmain.
- 10.2. The Purchaser shall in no event claim or imply to a third party that it is an authorized distributor of Bitmain or Bitmain (Antminer) or any similar terms, or perform any act that will cause it to be construed as an authorized distributor of Bitmain or Bitmain (Antminer). As between the Purchaser and Bitmain, the Purchaser shall be exclusively and fully responsible for complying with the Applicable Laws regarding repackaging the Product(s) for the Purchaser's redistribution needs, and shall be solely liable for any and all liabilities or costs directly incurred or incidental to such redistribution.

## **11. Intellectual Property Rights**

- 11.1. The Parties agree that the Intellectual Property Rights in any way contained in the Product(s), made, conceived or developed by Bitmain and/or its Affiliates for the Product(s) under this Agreement and/or, achieved, derived from, related to, connected with the provision of the Product(s) by Bitmain and/or acquired by Bitmain from any other person in performance of this Agreement shall be the exclusive property of Bitmain and/or its Affiliates.
- 11.2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, all Intellectual Property Rights in the Product(s) shall remain the exclusive property of Bitmain and/or its licensors. Except for licenses explicitly identified in Bitmain's Shipping Confirmation or in this Clause 11.2, no rights or licenses are expressly granted, or implied, whether by estoppel or otherwise, in respect of any Intellectual Property Rights of Bitmain and/or its Affiliates or any Intellectual Property residing in the Product(s) provided by Bitmain to the Purchaser, including in any documentation or any data furnished by Bitmain. Bitmain grants the Purchaser a non-exclusive, non-transferrable, royalty-free and irrevocable license of Bitmain and/or its Affiliates' Intellectual Property Rights to solely use the Product(s) delivered by Bitmain to the Purchaser for their ordinary function, and subject to the Clauses set forth herein. The Purchaser shall in no event violate the Intellectual Property Rights of Bitmain and/or its licensors.

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- 11.3. If applicable, payment by the Purchaser of non-recurring charges to Bitmain for any special designs, or engineering or production materials required for Bitmain's performance of Orders for customized Product(s), shall not be construed as payment for the assignment from Bitmain to the Purchaser of title to the design or special materials. Bitmain shall be the sole owner of such special designs, engineering or production materials.

## **12. Confidentiality and Communications**

- 12.1. All information concerning this Agreement and matters pertaining to or derived from the provision of Product(s) pursuant to this Agreement between the Parties, whether in oral or written form, or in the form of drawings, computer programs or other, as well as all data derived therefrom ("Confidential Information"), shall be deemed to be confidential and, as such, may not be divulged to any unauthorized person. The Parties undertake and agree to take all reasonable and practicable steps to ensure and protect the confidentiality of the Confidential Information which cannot be passed, sold, traded, published or disclosed to any unauthorized person.
- 12.2. Notwithstanding Clause 12.1, Bitmain acknowledges and agrees that Purchaser is a U.S. publicly traded company and may be required to disclose this Agreement and its related terms, in order to comply with applicable securities laws, including its disclosure obligations under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

## **13. Term and Termination of this Agreement**

- 13.1. This Agreement will be effective upon Bitmain's issuance of the shipping confirmation to the Purchaser, provided that if there is more than one shipping confirmation, this Agreement will be effective to the Products contained in each shipping confirmation upon Bitmain's issuance of the respective shipping confirmation to the Purchaser.
- 13.2. Bitmain shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement with immediate effect upon written notice to the Purchaser if:
- (i) the Purchaser fails to comply in any material respect of this Agreement (including but not limited to failure of payment of any amount pursuant to this Agreement), and where that failure is capable of being remedied, fails to remedy it within thirty (30) days of being required by Bitmain to do so;

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- (ii) it is or becomes unlawful for the Purchaser to perform or comply with any of its material obligations under this Agreement or all or a material part of the obligations of the Purchaser under this Agreement are not or cease to be valid, binding and enforceable; or
- (iii) an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Purchaser.

13.3 The Purchaser shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement with immediate effect upon written notice to Bitmain if Bitmain fails to deliver the Product(s) to the carrier in accordance with shipment dates indicated in the shipping confirmation, and fails to remedy it within thirty (30) days of the Purchaser's request for Bitmain to ship the Products given in accordance with Clause 5.4 of this Agreement. This Agreement shall also be automatically terminated between the Parties if each and every Order is cancelled because of any reason stated in this Agreement.

13.3. Termination of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the rights and liabilities of the Parties accrued prior to or as a result of such termination, including those related to antecedent breaches. Termination of this Agreement for any cause or otherwise shall not release a Party from any liability which at the time of termination has already accrued to the other Party or which thereafter may accrue in respect of any act or omission prior to such termination. The rights and obligations of the Parties under Clause 1 (Definitions and Interpretations), Clause 11 (Intellectual Property Rights), Clause 12 (Confidentiality and Communications), Clause 13 (Term and Termination of this Agreement), Clause 14 (Contact Information), Clause 15 (Compliance with Laws and Regulations) and Clause 23 (Governing Law and Dispute Resolution) shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### 14. Contact Information

All communications in relation to this Agreement shall be made to the following contacts:

##### **Purchaser's business contact:**

Name: Megan Brooks, Chief Operating Officer  
Phone: +1 303-794-2000, ext. [\*\*\*\*]  
Email: [\*\*\*\*]

##### **Bitmain's business contact:**

Name: Nathaniel Yu  
Phone: [\*\*\*\*]  
Email: [\*\*\*\*]

#### 15. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

15.1. The Purchaser undertakes that it will fully comply with all Applicable Laws in relation to export and import control and Sanctions and shall not take any action that would cause Bitmain or any of its Affiliates to be in violation of any export and import control laws or Sanctions. The Purchaser shall also be fully and exclusively liable for and shall defend, fully indemnify and hold harmless Bitmain and/or its Affiliates from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, costs or proceedings brought or instituted against Bitmain and/or its Affiliates arising out of or in connection with any breach by the Purchaser or the carrier of any Applicable Laws in relation to export and import control or Sanction.

15.2. The Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that the Product(s) in this Agreement are subject to the export control laws and regulations of all related countries, including but not limited to the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR") of the United States. Without limiting the foregoing, the Purchaser shall not, without receiving the proper licenses or license exceptions from all related governmental authorities, including but not limited to the U.S. Bureau of Industry and Security, distribute, re-distribute, export, re-export, or transfer any Product(s) subject to this Agreement either directly or indirectly, to any national of any country identified in Country Groups D:1 or E:1 as defined in the EARs. In addition, the Product(s) under this Agreement may not be exported, re-exported, or transferred to (a) any person or entity for military purposes; (b) any person or entity listed on the "Entity List", "Denied Persons List" or the SDN List as such lists are maintained by the U.S. Government, or (c) an end-user engaged in activities related to weapons of mass destruction. Such activities include but are not necessarily limited to activities related to: (1) the design, development, production, or use of nuclear materials, nuclear facilities, or nuclear weapons; (2) the design, development, production, or use of missiles or support of missiles projects; and (3) the design, development, production, or use of chemical or biological weapons. The Purchaser further agrees that it will not do any of the foregoing in violation of any restriction, law, or regulation of the European Union or an individual EU member state that imposes on an exporter a burden equivalent to or greater than that imposed by the U.S. Bureau of Industry and Security.

15.3. The Purchaser undertakes that it will not take any action under this Agreement or use the Product(s) in a way that will be a breach of any anti-money laundering laws, any anti-corruption laws, and/or any counter-terrorist financing laws.

15.4. The Purchaser warrants that the Product(s) have been purchased with funds that are from legitimate sources and such funds do not constitute proceeds of criminal conduct, or realizable property, or proceeds of terrorism financing or property of terrorist, within the meaning given in the Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act (Chapter 65A) and the Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act (Chapter 325), respectively. If Bitmain receives, including but not limited to investigation, evidence collection, restriction and other measures, from any competent organizations or institutions, the Purchaser shall reasonably cooperate with Bitmain and such competent organizations or institutions in the investigation process. The Purchaser understands that if any Person resident in Singapore knows or suspects or has reasonable grounds for knowing or suspecting that another Person is engaged in criminal conduct or is involved with terrorism or terrorist property and the information for that knowledge or suspicion came to their attention in the course of business in the regulated sector, or other trade, profession, business or employment, the Person will be required to report such knowledge or suspicion to the Suspicious Transaction Reporting Office, Commercial Affairs Department of the Singapore Police Force. The Purchaser acknowledges that such a report shall not be treated as breach of confidence or violation of any restriction upon the disclosure of information imposed by any Applicable Law, contractually or otherwise.

## **16. Force Majeure**

16.1. To the extent that a Party is fully or partially delayed, prevented or hindered by an event of Force Majeure from performing any obligation under this Agreement (other than an obligation to make payment), subject to the exercise of reasonable diligence by the affected Party, the failure to perform shall be excused by the occurrence of such event of Force Majeure. A Party claiming that its performance is excused by an event of Force Majeure shall, promptly after the occurrence of such event of Force Majeure, notify the other Party of the nature, date of inception and expected duration of such event of Force Majeure and the extent to which the Party expects that the event will delay, prevent or hinder the Party from performing its obligations under this Agreement. The notifying Party shall thereafter use its best effort to eliminate such event of Force Majeure and mitigate its effects.

16.2. The affected Party shall use reasonable diligence to remove the event of Force Majeure, and shall keep the other Party informed of all significant developments.

16.3. Except in the case of an event of Force Majeure or as set forth in Section 13, neither party may terminate this Agreement prior to its expiry date.

## **17. Entire Agreement and Amendment**

This Agreement, including Appendix A and Appendix B, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties hereto and can only be amended with the written consent of both Parties or otherwise as mutually agreed by both Parties.

## **18. Assignment**

18.1. Bitmain may freely assign or transfer any of its rights, benefits or obligations under this Agreement in whole or in part to its Affiliates or to any third party; *provided, however*, in such event, Bitmain shall provide Purchaser with reasonable notice of such assignment or transfer no less than ten (10) days prior to the date on which such assignment or transfer is to take effect. The Purchaser may not assign or transfer any of its rights, benefits or obligations under this Agreement in whole or in part without Bitmain's prior written consent.

18.2. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each Party to this Agreement and its successors in title and permitted assigns.

## **19. Severability**

To the extent possible, if any provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part by a court, the provision shall apply with whatever deletion or modification is necessary so that such provision is legal, valid and enforceable and gives effect to the commercial intention of the Parties. The remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

## **20. Personal Data**

Depending on the nature of the Purchaser's interaction with Bitmain, some examples of personal data which Bitmain may collect from the Purchaser include the Purchaser's name and identification information, contact information such as the Purchaser's address, email address and telephone number, nationality, gender, date of birth, and financial information such as credit card numbers, debit card numbers and bank account information.

Bitmain generally does not collect the Purchaser's personal data unless (a) it is provided to Bitmain voluntarily by the Purchaser directly or via a third party who has been duly authorized by the Purchaser to disclose the Purchaser's personal data to Bitmain (the Purchaser's "authorized representative") after (i) the Purchaser (or the Purchaser's authorized representative) has been notified of the purposes for which the data is

collected, and (ii) the Purchaser (or the Purchaser's authorized representative) has provided written consent to the collection and usage of the Purchaser's personal data for those purposes, or (b) collection and use of personal data without consent is permitted or required by related laws. Bitmain shall seek the Purchaser's consent before collecting any additional personal data and before using the Purchaser's personal data for a purpose which has not been notified to the Purchaser (except where permitted or authorized by law).

## **21. Conflict with the Terms and Conditions**

In the event of any ambiguity or discrepancy between the Clauses of this Agreement and the Terms and Conditions from time to time, it is intended that the Clauses of this Agreement shall prevail and the Parties shall comply with and give effect to this Agreement.

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## **22. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution**

22.1. This Agreement shall be solely governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong, as modified by the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (the "UNCISG").

22.2. Any dispute, controversy, difference or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including the existence, validity, interpretation, performance, breach or termination hereof or any dispute regarding non-contractual obligations arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Center under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules in force when the notice of arbitration is submitted. The law of this arbitration clause shall be Hong Kong law, as modified and subject to the UNCISG. The seat of arbitration shall be Hong Kong. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in English. The number of arbitrators shall be three (3) unless otherwise subsequently agreed in writing by the Parties. The decision and awards of the arbitration shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto.

## **23. Waiver**

Failure by either Party to enforce at any time any provision of this Agreement, or to exercise any election of options provided herein shall not constitute a waiver of such provision or option, nor affect the validity of this Agreement or any part hereof, or the right of the waiving Party to thereafter enforce each and every such provision or option.

## **24. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures**

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Agreement, and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement. The facsimile, email or other electronically delivered signatures of the Parties shall be deemed to constitute original signatures, and facsimile or electronic copies hereof shall be deemed to constitute duplicate originals.

## **25. Further Assurance**

Each Party undertakes to the other Party to execute or procure to be executed all such documents and to do or procure to be done all such other acts and things as may be reasonable and necessary to give all Parties the full benefit of this Agreement.

## **26. Third Party Rights**

A person who is not a Party to this Agreement has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance (Chapter 623 of the Laws of Hong Kong) to enforce or to enjoy the benefit of any term of this Agreement.

## **27. Liquidated Damages Not Penalty**

It is expressly agreed that any liquidated damages payable under this Agreement do not constitute a penalty and that the Parties, having negotiated in good faith for such specific liquidated damages and having agreed that the amount of such liquidated damages is reasonable in light of the anticipated harm caused by the breach related thereto and the difficulties of proof of loss and inconvenience or nonfeasibility of obtaining any adequate remedy, are estopped from contesting the validity or enforceability of such liquidated damages.

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Signed for and on behalf of Bitmain



Bitmain Technologies Limited

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signed for and on behalf of the Purchaser

**The Purchaser**  
**Riot Blockchain, Inc.**

Signature /s/ Jeffrey G. McGonegal  
Name Jeffrey G. McGonegal  
Title Chief Financial Officer

**APPENDIX A**

**Product Specifications and Delivery Schedule**

This Appendix A (this “**Appendix A**”) specifies the Products sold by Bitmain Technologies Limited (“**Bitmain**”) to Riot Blockchain, Inc. (the “**Purchaser**”) (Bitmain and the Purchaser, collectively, the “**Parties**” and each a “**Party**”) pursuant to that certain non-fixed price sales and purchase agreement, dated effective as of October 29, 2021, between the Parties to which this Appendix A relates (the “**Agreement**”), as well as the specific payment and delivery terms applicable to the Products under the Agreement. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Appendix A shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement or Appendix B thereto, as appropriate.

**1. Products.**

The provisions of this Clause 1 of this Appendix A specify the details regarding the Products to be sold by Bitmain to the Purchaser pursuant to the Agreement (the “**Product Specifications**”). The Product Specifications set forth under this Clause 1 include the quantity, rated hashrate, estimated unit price (“**Unit Price**”), estimated total price (“**Total Price (One Item)**”), total price for all the items (“**Total Purchase Price**”) of Products to be purchased from Bitmain by Purchaser is as follows (“**Products**”):

1.1. Product Type

Product Name	HASH Super Computing Server , S19j Pro
Rated hashrate / unit	~100TH/s
Rated power / unit	~2950 Watts (“ <b>W</b> ”)
Rated Efficiency (at an environmental temperature of 25°C)	~29.5 J/TH@25°C

Description

1. Bitmain undertakes that the error range of “J/TH@25°C environmental temperature” does not exceed 10%.
2. “Rated hashrate / unit” and “rated power / unit” are for reference only and may defer from each batch or unit. Bitmain makes no representation on “Rated hashrate / unit” and “rated power / unit.”
3. Purchaser shall not reject the Products on the grounds that the actual parameters of the delivered Products are not in consistence with the reference indicators.

The estimated delivery schedule, reference quantity, total rated hashrate, unit price and total price are as follows:

Batch	Product Name	Shipping Schedule	Reference Quantity	Total Rated Hashrate (TH)	Price (US\$/TH)	Unit Price (US\$)	Total Price (US\$)
1	Hash Super Computing Server, S19j pro	April 2022	1500	150,000	65	[****]	[****]
2		May 2022	1500	150,000	65	[****]	[****]
3		June 2022	1500	150,000	65	[****]	[****]
4		July 2022	1500	150,000	60	[****]	[****]
5		August 2022	1500	150,000	60	[****]	[****]
6		September 2022	1500	150,000	60	[****]	[****]

- 1.2. Total price of the Products listed above is as follows:

Total Purchase Price (tax exclusive):	US\$	56,250,000
Tax:	US\$	0
Total Purchase Price (tax inclusive):	US\$	56,250,000

- 1.3. Both Parties confirm and agree that Bitmain may adjust the total quantity based on the total hashrate provided that the total rated hashrate of the Products actually delivered by Bitmain to the Purchaser shall not be less than 900,0000 TH/s (the “**Total Rated Hashrate**”). Bitmain makes no representation that the quantity of the actually delivered Products shall be the same as the quantity set forth in this Appendix A.

- 1.4. **Substitute Products.** In the event that Bitmain publishes any new type of Products with a lower J/TH value than the model of Products set forth in the foregoing table on this Appendix A ( *i.e.*, that have a better Rated Efficiency / Unit than the current model S19j Pro HASH Super Computing Server to be sold to the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement, as set forth in the foregoing table on this Appendix A) and suspends the production of the type of the Products as agreed in this Agreement, Bitmain shall be entitled to release itself from any future obligation to deliver any subsequent Batches of the current Products by ten (10)-day prior notice to the Purchaser and continue to deliver new types of Products; provided, that (i) the Total Rated Hashrate of which shall be no less than the Total Rated Hashrate of such subsequent Batches of the current Products cancelled under this Agreement, (ii) the Total Purchase Price due under this Agreement shall not be increased, except by written agreement of Purchaser, and (iii) the price per Unit of which shall be adjusted in accordance with the J/TH value. In the event that the Purchaser explicitly refuses to accept new types of Products, the Purchaser is entitled to request for a refund of the remaining balance of the purchase price already paid by the Purchaser together with an interest at 0.0333% per day on such balance for the period from the next day following the payment date of such balance to the date immediately prior to the date of request of refund. If the Purchaser accepts the new types of Products delivered by Bitmain, Bitmain shall be obliged to deliver such new types of Products to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement. The Purchaser may request to lower the actual total hashrate of the Products delivered but shall not request to increase the actual total hashrate to the level exceeding the total rated hashrate as set out in this Agreement. After Bitmain publishes new types of Products and if Bitmain has not suspended the production of the types of Products under this Agreement, Bitmain shall continue to deliver such agreed types of Products in accordance with this Agreement and the Purchaser shall not terminate this Agreement or refuse to accept the Products on the grounds that Bitmain has published new type(s) of Products.

## 2. Cargo insurance coverage limitations.

The cargo insurance coverage provided by Bitmain is subject to the following limitations and exceptions:

### Exclusions:

- loss damage or expense attributable to willful misconduct of the Assured
- ordinary leakage, ordinary loss in weight or volume, or ordinary wear and tear of the subject-matter insured

- loss damage or expense caused by insufficiency or unsuitability of packing or preparation of the subject-matter insured (for the purpose of this Clause, “packing” shall be deemed to include stowage in a container or liftvan but only when such stowage is carried out prior to attachment of this insurance or by the Assured or their servants)
- loss damage or expense caused by inherent vice or nature of the subject-matter insured
- loss damage or expense proximately caused by delay, even though the delay be caused by a risk insured against (except expenses payable)
- loss damage or expense arising from insolvency or financial default of the owners managers charterers or operators of the vessel
- loss, damage, or expense arising from the use of any weapon of war employing atomic or nuclear fission, and/or fusion or other like reaction or radioactive force or matter.
- Loss, damage or expense arising from unseaworthiness of vessel or craft, unfitness of vessel craft conveyance container or liftvan for the safe carriage of the subject-matter insured, where the Assured or their servants are privy to such unseaworthiness or unfitness, at the time the subject-matter insured is loaded therein.
- The Underwriters waive any breach of the implied warranties of seaworthiness of the ship and fitness of the ship to carry the subject-matter insured to destination, unless the Assured or their servants are privy to such unseaworthiness or unfitness.
- Loss, damage or expense caused by (1) war, civil war, revolution, rebellion, insurrection, or civil strife arising therefrom, or any hostile act by or against a belligerent power, (2) capture, seizure, arrest, restraint or detainment (piracy excepted), and the consequences thereof or any attempt threat, (3) derelict mines, torpedoes, bombs, or other derelict weapons of war.
- Loss, damage, or expense caused by strikers, locked-out workmen, or persons taking part in labor disturbances, riots or civil commotion, resulting from strikes, lock-outs, labor disturbances, riots or civil commotions, caused by any terrorist or any person acting from a political motive.

**3. Bitmain’s BANK ACCOUNT info:**

Company Name: Bitmain Technologies Limited

Company address: FLAT/RM A1 11/F SUCCESS COMMERCIAL BUILDING  
245-251 HENNESSY ROAD HK

Account No.: [\*\*\*\*]

Bank name: [\*\*\*\*]

Bank address: [\*\*\*\*]

Swift Code: [\*\*\*\*]

ABA CODE: [\*\*\*\*]

4. The payment shall be arranged by the Purchaser as set forth on Appendix B.
5. Except as agreed by the parties in writing, notwithstanding any future agreement between Purchaser and Bitmain for the purchase and sale of cryptocurrency mining products between them, Purchaser shall pay the outstanding balance of the Total Purchase Price for the Products in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, failing which Bitmain is entitled to request the Purchaser to continue to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
6. The Purchaser shall pay [25%] of the Total Purchase Price to Bitmain within five (5) days after the signing of this Agreement, with the remaining being settled in accordance with the payment schedule set forth in this Agreement.
7. Without prejudice to the above, the unit price and the Total Purchase Price of the Products and any amount paid by the Purchaser shall be all denominated in United States Dollars (“USD”). Where the Parties agree that the payments shall be made in cryptocurrencies, the exchange rate between the USD and the cryptocurrency selected shall be determined and calculated as follows: (1) in the event that the Purchaser pays for any order placed on Bitmain’s official website (the “Website”, <http://www.bitmain.com>) which is valid and has not been fully paid yet, the exchange rate between the USD and the cryptocurrency fixed in such placed Order shall apply, or (2) in any other case, the real time exchange rate between the USD and the cryptocurrency displayed on the Website upon payment shall apply. The exchange rate between the USD and the cryptocurrency shall be fixed according to this provision. In any circumstance, the Purchaser shall not ask for any refund due to the change of exchange rate.
8. The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this Appendix A forms an integral part of the essential terms and conditions of the Agreement, is incorporated by reference into and made part of the Agreement, and, together with Appendix B thereto, represents the final agreement of the Parties with respect to the purchase and sale of the Products specified herein. The Parties hereby further acknowledge and agree, for the avoidance of doubt, that where the terms of this Appendix A and the Agreement conflict, the terms of this Appendix A shall control in all respects.

## APPENDIX B

### Payment Schedule

This Appendix B (this “**Appendix B**”) sets forth the schedule for the payment of the Total Purchase Price for the Products sold by Bitmain Technologies Limited (“**Bitmain**”) to Riot Blockchain, Inc. (the “**Purchaser**”) (Bitmain and the Purchaser, collectively, the “**Parties**” and each a “**Party**”) pursuant to that certain non-fixed price sales and purchase agreement, dated effective as of October 29, 2021, by and between the Parties, to which this Appendix B relates (the “**Agreement**”). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Appendix B shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement or Appendix A thereto, as appropriate.

#### 1. Payment Schedule.

The following table sets forth: (i) the amount of each installment payment of the Total Purchase Price to be paid pursuant to the Agreement (the “**Payment Amount**”); (ii) the percentage of the Total Purchase Price represented by each such Payment Amount (the “**Payment Percentage**”); (iii) the date on which each Payment Amount is due (each, a “**Time for Payment**”); and the final date on which a Payment Amount can be paid before Purchaser is in breach of its promises under the Agreement (based on an October 29, 2021 effective date) (the “**Payment Deadline**”), each of which are subject to amendment, as agreed by the Parties in accordance with the Agreement of which this Appendix B forms a part, including Appendix A thereto. Payments shall be arranged by the Purchaser in accordance with the provisions of Appendix A to the Agreement and shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement to which this Appendix B relates.

Payment Percentage	Time for Payment	Payment Amount (in US\$)	Payment Deadline
25% of the Total Purchase Price	Five (5) days after signing of the Agreement	\$14,062,500.00	Payment by October 29, 2021
35% of the Purchase Price / Batch	Five (5) months prior to the shipment	Batch 1: \$3,412,500.00 Batch 2: \$3,412,500.00 Batch 3: \$3,412,500.00 Batch 4: \$3,150,000.00 Batch 5: \$3,150,000.00 Batch 6: \$3,150,000.00	Payment by Batch 1: October 29, 2021 Payment by Batch 2: November 15, 2021 Payment by Batch 3: December 15, 2021 Payment by Batch 4: January 15, 2022 Payment by Batch 5: February 15, 2022 Payment by Batch 6: March 15, 2022
40% of the Purchase Price / Batch	one (1) month prior to the shipment	Batch 1: \$3,900,000.00 Batch 2: \$3,900,000.00 Batch 3: \$3,900,000.00 Batch 4: \$3,600,000.00 Batch 5: \$3,600,000.00 Batch 6: \$3,600,000.00	Payment by Batch 1: March 25, 2022 Payment by Batch 2: April 25, 2022 Payment by Batch 3: May 25, 2022 Payment by Batch 4: June 25, 2022 Payment by Batch 5: July 25, 2022 Payment by Batch 6: August 25, 2022

2. The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this Appendix B forms an integral part of the essential terms and conditions of the Agreement, is incorporated by reference into and made part of the Agreement, and, together with Appendix A thereto, represents the final agreement of the Parties with respect to the purchase and sale of the Products specified herein. The Parties hereby further acknowledge and agree, for the avoidance of doubt, that where the terms of this Appendix B and the Agreement conflict, the terms of this Appendix B shall control in all respects.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1  
TO  
RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC.  
EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

This AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC. EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this “Amendment No. 1”) is made and entered into effective as of November 5, 2021, by and between Megan Brooks, an individual resident of Texas, (the “Employee”) and Riot Blockchain, Inc., a Nevada corporation, (the “Company”) to amend the terms of that certain Riot Blockchain, Inc. Executive Employment Agreement, dated effective as of April 6, 2021, by and between the Company and the Employee, (the “Original Agreement”) as set forth herein.

**INTRODUCTION**

To ensure the Company’s ability to continue to attract and retain talented individuals in key management positions, the Compensation and Human Resources Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Compensation Committee”) periodically evaluates and adjusts the Company’s executive compensation packages in light of the Company’s overall performance, its evaluation of its executives’ performance, and market conditions. Based on its review for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, the Compensation Committee has approved a new compensation arrangement for the Employee in recognition of her achievements as the Company’s Chief Operating Officer following her appointment in April 2021. The Compensation Committee has authorized and approved a new annual Base Salary of \$325,000 for the Employee, as well as a new equity award of 6,000 restricted stock units, (“RSUs”) to be granted to the Employee under the Riot Blockchain, Inc. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, (the “2019 Equity Plan”) pursuant to a separate Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement, to be entered into between the Company and the Employee. Accordingly, the Company and the Employee now wish to enter into this Amendment No. 1 to amend the terms of the Original Agreement to reflect this new compensation arrangement, as set forth herein.

**AGREEMENT**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

**A. Base Salary Increase.** Retroactive to October 1, 2021, Employee’s Base Salary shall be increased by Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00) per annum to Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$325,000.00) per annum, subject to all offsets, prorations, deductions, withholdings and claw-backs as set forth in the Original Agreement. Accordingly, Section 4.a. of the Original Agreement is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

**“4. Compensation and Benefits.**

a. **Base Salary.** During the Employment Term, the Company shall pay Employee an annualized salary in the total gross amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$325,000.00), subject to all offsets, prorations, deductions, withholdings and claw-backs as set forth in this Agreement. Employee’s annual salary, as in effect from time to time, is hereinafter referred to as “Base Salary”. Employee’s Base Salary shall take effect on the first regularly scheduled pay period following the approval of the Base Salary by the Compensation and Human Resources Committee (the “Compensation Committee”) of the Board. The Company’s CEO and/or the Board’s Compensation Committee shall annually review and may, in its sole discretion, adjust Employee’s Base Salary. Effective as of the date of any change to Employee’s Base Salary, the Base Salary as so changed shall be considered the new Base Salary for all purposes of this Agreement.”

**B. Ratification of Original Agreement.** Except as specifically set forth herein, the Original Agreement and all of its terms and conditions remain unchanged and in full force and effect, and the Original Agreement is hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects, except that, as of the effectiveness of this Amendment No. 1, all references in the Original Agreement to “this Agreement,” “hereto,” “hereof,” “hereunder,” or words of like import shall mean the Original Agreement, as amended by this Amendment No. 1. For the avoidance of doubt, all references to the “Effective Date” refer to the date the Original Agreement came into effect, April 6, 2021.

**C. Additional Equity Award.** Pursuant to Section 4.c.ii. of the Agreement, the Compensation Committee has authorized and approved an award of 6,000 additional RSUs, to be granted to the Employee under the 2019 Equity Plan, subject to the Employee’s entry into a Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement with the Company for such additional equity award. Upon the Employee’s entry into a Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement with the Company for such additional equity award, these 6,000 additional RSUs under the 2019 Equity Plan, which are eligible to vest in quarterly tranches of 1,500 RSUs in arrears commencing in 90-day intervals in accordance with the vesting schedule applicable to the Initial Equity Award, with the first tranche of 1,500 RSUs eligible to vest on January 1, 2022. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Amendment No. 1 is to be interpreted as modifying or affecting the Initial Equity Award, or otherwise entitling the Employee to receive any equity compensation (including the 6,000 additional RSUs authorized by the Compensation Committee referenced hereby) without the Employee’s entry into a Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement, in form approved by the Compensation Committee, with the Company for such equity compensation.

**D. Counterparts.** This Amendment No. 1 may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signing of this Amendment No. 1 and transmission of the signed Amendment No. 1 by electronic document transfer will be acceptable and binding upon the parties as of the date first written above.

**E. Applicable Law; Jury Trial Waiver.** This Amendment No. 1, including the validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this Amendment, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado applicable to agreements made and to be performed in such State, without regard to such State’s conflicts of law principles. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE PARTIES KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY, AND INTENTIONALLY AGREE TO, AND DO HEREBY, WAIVE THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LITIGATION, CAUSE OF ACTION, CLAIM, PROCEEDING, OR COUNTERCLAIM BROUGHT BY EITHER OF THE PARTIES AGAINST THE OTHER: [A] BASED ON ANY MATTER WHATSOEVER ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH EMPLOYEE’S EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COMPANY; [B] BASED ON THIS AGREEMENT (INCLUDING THE CNCA) OR ARISING OUT OF, UNDER, OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT (INCLUDING THE CNCA); AND/OR [C] BASED ON ANY ALLEGED ACTION, INACTION, OR OMISSION OF EITHER PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT.

**F. Interpretation.** Capitalized terms used in this Amendment No. 1 that are not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Original Agreement, and any ambiguity or disagreement between terms defined both in this Amendment No. 1 and the Original Agreement shall be interpreted in favor of the definition set forth in this Amendment No. 1.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, have executed this Amendment No. 1 to the Riot Blockchain, Inc. Executive Employment Agreement as of the dates indicated beneath their signatures below, effective as of the date above first written.

**MEGAN BROOKS**

**RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC.**

/s/ Megan Brooks  
(Signature)

By: /s/ Jason Les  
Name: Jason Les  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Dated: November 5, 2021

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## Riot Blockchain Announces October Production and Operations Updates

*Riot produces 464 Bitcoins in October 2021 and announces an increase in targeted hash rate for 2022*

**CASTLE ROCK, CO. / Globe Newswire / November 3, 2021 / Riot Blockchain, Inc. (NASDAQ: RIOT) (“Riot,” “Riot Blockchain” or “the Company”)** industry leader in Bitcoin (“BTC”) mining and hosting, announces monthly BTC production and operations updates for October 2021, including an increase in estimated self-mining hash rate capacity for 2022, updates to the status of miner shipments and deployment, and updates on the 400 megawatts (“MW”) infrastructure expansion at the Company’s Whinstone facility (“Whinstone”).

### Production Updates

- In October 2021, Riot produced 464 BTC, an increase of approximately 433% over its October 2020 production of 87 BTC.
- Year to date through October 2021, the Company produced a total of 2,921 BTC, an increase of approximately 257% over its BTC production during the same 2020 period of 818 BTC.
- As of October 31, 2021, Riot held approximately 3,995 BTC, all produced by the Company’s self-mining operations.
- Riot currently has a deployed fleet of approximately 27,270 miners, with a hash rate capacity of 2.8 exahash per second (“EH/s”).

Riot intends to continue providing monthly operational updates and unaudited production results through the end of 2021. These updates are intended to keep shareholders informed of the Company’s progress with regards to the execution of the previously announced growth in Riot’s hash rate, and to keep investors apprised of the Company’s development of Bitcoin mining infrastructure critical to de-risking future growth.

### Mining Purchase Order and Increase in Estimated Hash Rate for 2022

Riot recently completed a \$54 million purchase order with Bitmain Technologies Limited (“Bitmain”) for 9,000 S19j Pro (100 TH/s) miners, with an anticipated delivery and deployment schedule set for May 2022 through October 2022. As a result of this purchase order the Company anticipates that it will have approximately 90,150 Antminers in operation, utilizing approximately 284 MW of energy, by Q4 2022.

Also as a result of this purchase order, Riot has increased its 2022 estimated hash rate capacity by 11.7% to 8.6 EH/s, representing is an increase of approximately 0.9 EH/s over the Company’s previously announced estimate of 7.7 EH/s. The increase in the estimated hash rate to 8.6 EH/s does not include any potential benefits from Riot’s previously announced build-out of 200 MW of immersion-cooled infrastructure.

### Miner Deployment and Shipment Updates

Shipments of 11,500 S19J Pro Antminers under previous purchase orders are expected to be shipped to Riot’s Whinstone facility in November 2021. While global logistics issues are impacting some miner shipment schedules, impacts to the Company to date have not been material, and Riot remains in close communication with Bitmain and logistics providers working to mitigate delays where possible.

### Operations Update

In October 2021, Riot announced in connection with the previously announced 400 MW expansion of Whinstone, 200 MW would be committed to utilizing immersion-cooling technology. To the Company’s knowledge, this represents the Bitcoin mining industry’s first industrial-scale immersion-cooled deployment of mining hardware (“miner(s),” “ASIC,” or “ASICs”). This development encompasses two buildings currently under construction which are expected to host approximately 46,000 S19 Antminer ASICs from Riot’s already-contracted for miner fleet.

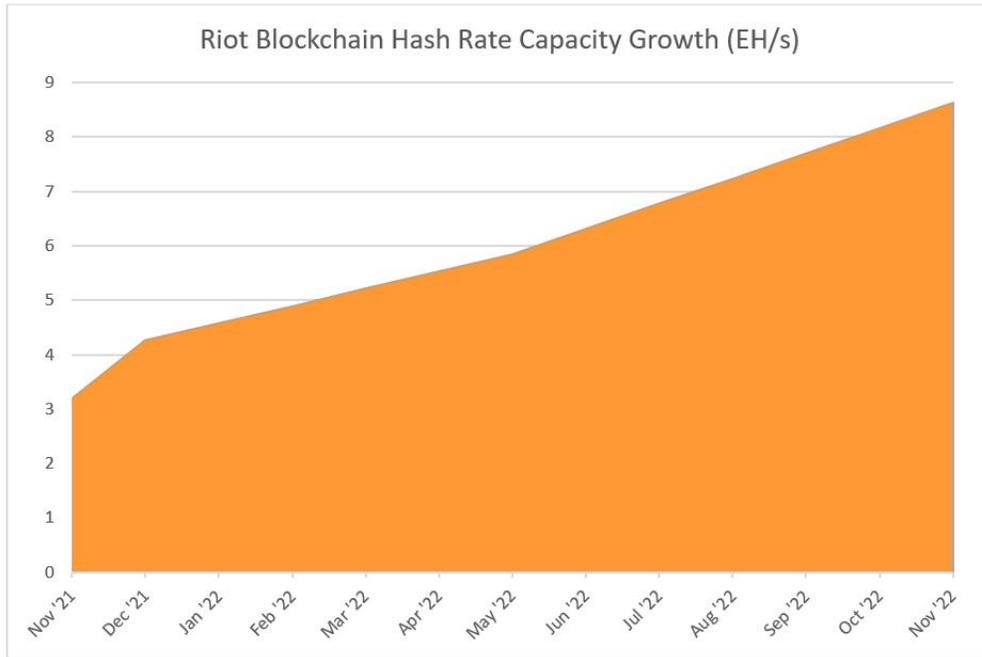
When ASICs are immersion-cooled, ASICs operate in a more stable environment, allowing the equipment to run at higher productivity rates. Based on industry data and the Company’s own preliminary immersion-cooling test results, an estimated 25% increase in hash rate is expected, with an estimated potential to increase ASIC performance by as much as 50%. Riot expects to have more robust test results from the Company’s pilot by the end of Q1 2022. If successful, Riot will leverage its infrastructure development capabilities to increase its Bitcoin mining hash rate without relying solely on purchasing additional mining equipment, resulting in increased operating efficiencies, and thus, capital efficiencies.

### Infrastructure Update

In October 2021, Riot’s 400 MW expansion at Whinstone continued to make substantial progress, even amidst navigating the challenges with the current state of the global supply chain. Progress during the month included the arrival of approximately two-hundred 2.5 MW transformers, installation of the substation’s Power Distribution Center, and preparation for commissioning Building F’s 100 MW transformer.



## 2022 Estimated Hash Rate



By Q4 2022, Riot anticipates a total self-mining hash rate capacity of 8.6 EH/s, not including any expected incremental productivity gains from the Company's utilization of 200 MW of immersion-cooling infrastructure and assuming full deployment of approximately 90,150 Antminer ASICs. Approximately 95% of Riot's self-mining fleet will consist of the latest generation S19 series miner model. Upon full deployment, the Company's total self-mining fleet is expected to consume approximately 284 MW of energy. In addition to the Company's self-mining operations, Riot's Whinstone facility hosts approximately 200 MW of institutional Bitcoin mining clients.

### Conference Schedule

Riot will be participating in the Furey Research Partners Hidden Gems Conference on November 17, 2021, and Roth Capital Partners' 10th Annual Technology Conference on November 18, 2021.

### About Riot Blockchain, Inc.

Riot Blockchain (NASDAQ: RIOT) focuses on mining Bitcoin, and through Whinstone, its subsidiary, hosting Bitcoin mining equipment for institutional clients. The Company is expanding and upgrading its mining operations through industrial-scale infrastructure development and latest-generation miner procurement. Riot's headquarter is located in Castle Rock, Colorado, and the Whinstone Facility operates out of Rockdale, Texas. The Company also has mining equipment operating in upstate New York under a co-location hosting agreement with Coinmint, LLC. For more information, visit

## Safe Harbor

Statements in this press release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that reflect management's current expectations, assumptions, and estimates of future performance and economic conditions. Such statements are made in reliance on the safe harbor provisions of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Because such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Words such as "anticipates," "believes," "plans," "expects," "intends," "will," "potential," "hope," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements may never materialize or may prove to be incorrect. Actual results and the timing of events could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements due to various risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements about the benefits of the acquisition of Whinstone, including financial and operating results, and the Company's plans, objectives, expectations, and intentions. Among the risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed in forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: unaudited estimates of BTC production; our future hash rate growth (EH/s); our expected schedule of new miner deliveries; our ability to successfully deploy new miners; MW capacity under development; the integration of the businesses of the Company and Whinstone may not be successful, or such integration may take longer or be more difficult, time-consuming or costly to accomplish than anticipated; failure to otherwise realize anticipated efficiencies and strategic and financial benefits from the acquisition of Whinstone; and the impact of COVID-19 on us, our customers, or on our suppliers in connection with our estimated timelines. Detailed information regarding other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by statements in this press release may be found in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including in the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, and our other filings with the SEC, including, but not limited to the additional risk factors set forth in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 26, 2021, copies of which may be obtained from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). All forward-looking statements included in this press release are made only as of the date of this press release, and the Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that subsequently occur, or of which the Company hereafter becomes aware, except as required by law. Persons reading this press release are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

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