# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE: BIT DIGITAL, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

This document relates to:

All Actions

Lead Case No. 1:21-cv-00515-ALC

## **CLASS ACTION**

NOTICE OF (I) PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT; (II) MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES; AND (III) SETTLEMENT HEARING

A Federal Court has authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

Please read this notice carefully. A \$2.1 million settlement has been reached for investors in Bit Digital, Inc. stock between December 21, 2020 and January 11, 2021. If you are a member of the Class, your legal rights will be affected whether you act or not.

**Notice of Pendency of Class Action:** Please be advised that your rights may be affected by the above-captioned securities class action (the "Action") pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court"), if, during the period between December 21, 2020 and January 11, 2021 inclusive (the "Class Period"), you purchased or otherwise acquired Bit Digital, Inc. ("Bit Digital" or the "Company") common stock.<sup>1</sup>

**Notice of Settlement:** Please also be advised that the Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Class (as defined below), have reached a proposed settlement of this Action for \$2.1 million in cash that, if approved, would resolve all claims in the Action (the "Settlement").

Please read this notice carefully. It explains important rights you may have, including the possible receipt of cash from the Settlement. If you are a member of the Class, your rights are affected whether or not you act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation and Agreement of Class Action Settlement dated October 12, 2022 (the "Stipulation"), which is available at www.BitDigitalSettlement.com.

If you have any questions about this Notice, the proposed Settlement, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlement, please do not contact Bit Digital, any other Defendants in the Action, or their counsel. Questions should be directed to Class Counsel or the Claims Administrator (see page XX).

#### **Description of the Action and the Class**

This Notice relates to a proposed Settlement of claims in a pending Action brought by investors alleging, among other things, that Defendants violated the federal securities laws by making materially false and misleading statements, by failing to disclose material adverse facts about the Company's Bitcoin mining operations, its entrance into the Bitcoin industry, and the extent of its operations. The Defendants deny each and every claim and contention alleged in the Action and deny any misconduct or wrongdoing whatsoever. The proposed Settlement, if approved by the Court, will settle all claims of the Class, as defined on page X below.

# Statement of the Class's Recovery

Subject to Court approval, Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Class, has agreed to settle the Action in exchange for a settlement payment of \$2,100,000 in cash (the "Settlement Amount") to be deposited into an escrow account. The Net Settlement Fund (*i.e.*, the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon (the "Settlement Fund") less (i) the amount of the Fee and Expense Award and any award to Lead Plaintiff as allowed under the PSLRA, if and to the extent allowed by the Court; (ii) Notice and Administration Expenses; (iii) Taxes and Tax Expenses; and (iv) any other fees or expenses approved by the Court. The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed in accordance with a plan of allocation that is approved by the Court, which will determine how the Net Settlement Fund shall be allocated among members of the Class. The proposed plan of allocation (the "Plan of Allocation") is set forth on pages XX-XX below.

#### **Estimate of the Average Amount of Recovery Per Share**

Based on the number of shares of Bit Digital common stock exchanged during the Class Period that may have been affected by the matters at issue in the Action, and assuming that all Class Members elect to participate in the Settlement, the estimated average recovery (before the deduction of any Court-approved fees, expenses and costs as described herein) per eligible security is approximately 9.2 cents per share. Class Members should note, however, that the foregoing average recovery per share is only an estimate. Some Class Members may recover more or less than this estimated amount depending on, among other factors, when and at what prices they purchased/acquired or sold their Bit Digital common stock and the total number of valid Claim Forms submitted. Distributions to Class Members will be made based on the Plan of Allocation set forth herein (*see* pages XX-XX below) or such other plan of allocation as may be ordered by the Court.

## Estimate of the Average Amount of Damages Per Share

The Parties do not agree on the average amount of damages per share that would be recoverable if

Lead Plaintiff was to prevail in the Action. Among other things, Defendants do not agree with the assertion that they violated the federal securities laws or that any damages were suffered by any members of the Class as a result of their conduct.

## **Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought**

Lead Counsel, who have been prosecuting the Action on a wholly contingent basis since its inception in 2021, have not received any payment of attorneys' fees for their representation of the Class and have advanced the funds to pay expenses necessarily incurred to prosecute this Action. Court appointed Lead Counsel, Block & Leviton LLP, will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Fund. In addition, Lead Counsel will apply for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses paid or incurred in connection with the institution, prosecution, and resolution of the claims against the Defendants, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, which may include an application for reimbursement of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Lead Plaintiff directly related to his representation of the Class. Any fees and expenses awarded by the Court, or any Lead Plaintiff Award, shall be paid solely from the Settlement Fund and shall be paid to Lead Counsel, or with respect to a Lead Plaintiff Award, paid to Lead Plaintiff, following an award ordered by the Court, provided that there has been final approval of the Stipulation of Settlement by the Court. If there is any appeal of an award of attorneys' fees and expenses, or of a Lead Plaintiff Award, Lead Counsel shall repay to the Settlement Fund any amount of attorneys' fees or expenses reversed on appeal. Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses. Estimates of the average cost per affected share of Bit Digital common stock, if the Court approves Lead Counsel's fee and expense application, is 2.4 cents per eligible share.

## **Identification of Attorneys' Representatives**

Lead Plaintiff and the Class are represented by Block & Leviton LLP, 260 Franklin Street, Suite 1860, Boston, MA 02110. You may contact BitDigitalSettlement@blockleviton.com, or call (617) 398-5600 to speak with an attorney representing the Class.

#### **Reasons for the Settlement**

Lead Plaintiff's principal reason for entering into the Settlement is the substantial immediate cash benefit for the Class without the risk or the delays inherent in further litigation. Moreover, the substantial cash benefit provided under the Settlement must be considered against the significant risk that a smaller recovery – or indeed no recovery at all – might be achieved after motions to dismiss the amended complaint, for class certification, summary judgment, a trial of the Action, and the likely appeals that would follow a trial. This process could be expected to last several years. Defendants, who deny all allegations of wrongdoing or liability whatsoever, are entering into the Settlement solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden and expense of further protracted litigation.

Your Legal Rights and Options in the Settlement			
Submit a claim.  Submit a Claim Form online or postmarked no later than	This is the only way to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement Fund. If you are a Class Member and you remain in the Class, you will be bound by the Settlement as approved by the Court and you will give up any Released Claims (defined below) that you have against Defendants and the other Released Defendant Parties (defined below), so it is in your interest to submit a Claim Form.		
Exclude yourself.  Exclude yourself from the Class by submitting a written exclusion so that it is received by no later than, 2023.	If you exclude yourself from the Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. This is the only option that allows you ever to be part of any other lawsuit against any of the Defendants or the other Released Defendant Parties concerning the Released Claims.		
Object. Object to the Settlement by submitting a written objection so that it is received no later than	If you do not like the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or the request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, you may write to the Court and explain why you do not like them. You cannot object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or the fee and expense request unless you are a Class Member and do not exclude yourself from the Class.		
Appear at a hearing.  Attend a hearing on, and file a Notice of Intention to Appear so that it is received no later than, 2023.	Filing a written objection and notice of intention to appear by, 2022 allows you to speak in Court, at the discretion of the Court, about the fairness of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. If you submit a written objection, you may (but you do not have to) attend the hearing and, at the discretion of the Court, speak to the Court about your objection.		
Do nothing.	If you are a member of the Class and you do not submit a valid Claim Form, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. You will, however, remain a member of the Class, which means that you give up your right to sue about the claims that are resolved by the Settlement and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action.		

## Why did I get the Notice?

The Court directed that the Notice be mailed to you because you or someone in your family or an investment account for which you serve as a custodian may have purchased or otherwise acquired one or more shares of Bit Digital common stock during the Class Period. The Court also directed that this Notice be posted online at www.BitDigitalSettlement.com. The Court has directed us to disseminate these notices because, as a potential Class Member, you have a right to know about your options before the Court rules on the proposed Settlement. Additionally, you have the right to understand how this class action lawsuit may generally affect your legal rights. If the Court approves the Settlement, and the Plan of Allocation (or some other plan of allocation), the claims administrator selected by Lead Plaintiff and approved by the Court will make payments pursuant to the Settlement after any objections and appeals are resolved.

The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of the existence of this case, that it is a class action, how you might be affected, and how to exclude yourself from the Class if you wish to do so. It is also being sent to inform you of the terms of the proposed Settlement, and of a hearing to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and the motion by Class Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses (the "Settlement Hearing"). *See* page XX below for details about the Settlement Hearing, including the date and location of the hearing.

The issuance of this Notice is not an expression of any opinion by the Court concerning the merits of any claim in the Action, and the Court still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement and a plan of allocation, then payments to Authorized Claimants will be made after any appeals are resolved and after the completion of all claims processing. Please be patient, as this process can take some time to complete.

## How do I know if I am affected by the Settlement? Who is included in the Class?

If you are a member of the Class, you are subject to the Settlement, unless you timely request to be excluded. The Class consists of:

All Persons who purchased Bit Digital common stock between December 21, 2020 and January 11, 2021 inclusive (the "Class Period").

Excluded from the Class are Defendants and their families, the officers, directors, and affiliates, and their legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns, and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest. Also excluded from the Class are the Persons who timely and validly seek exclusion from the Class or whose request for exclusion is accepted by the Court. *See* "What if I do not want to be a member of the Class? How do I exclude myself?" on page XX below.

PLEASE NOTE: RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER OR THAT YOU WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PROCEEDS FROM THE SETTLEMENT.

## What are Lead Plaintiff's reasons for the Settlement?

Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the claims asserted against Defendants have merit. They recognize, however, the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to pursue their claims against Defendants through trial and appeals, as well as the very substantial risks they would face in establishing liability and damages. Among other things, Lead Plaintiff and the Class faced the risk that they would fail to survive Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, fail to certify a class in whole or in part, that Defendants would succeed in reducing the total amount of damages available to the Class, or would succeed in having the case dismissed in whole or in part at summary judgment or at trial.

Defendants have denied the claims asserted against them in the Action and deny having engaged in any wrongdoing or violation of law of any kind whatsoever. Defendants have agreed to the Settlement solely to eliminate the burden and expense of continued litigation. Accordingly, the Settlement may not be construed as an admission of any wrongdoing by Defendants.

## What might happen if there were no Settlement?

If there were no Settlement and Lead Plaintiff failed to establish any essential legal or factual element of his claims against Defendants, neither Lead Plaintiff nor the other members of the Class would recover anything from Defendants. Also, if Defendants were successful in proving any of their defenses, either at summary judgment, at trial, or on appeal, the Class could recover substantially less than the amount provided in the Settlement, or nothing at all.

## How are Class members affected by the Action and the Settlement?

As a Class Member, you are represented by Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel, unless you enter an appearance through counsel of your own choice at your own expense. You are not required to retain your own counsel, but if you choose to do so, such counsel must file a notice of appearance on your behalf and must serve copies of his or her appearance on the attorneys listed in the section entitled, "When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the settlement?" on page XX below.

If you are a Class Member and do not wish to remain a Class Member, you may exclude yourself from the Class by following the instructions in the section entitled, "What if I do not want to be a member of the Class? How do I exclude myself?" on page XX below.

If you are a Class Member and you wish to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or

Lead Counsel's application for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and if you do not exclude yourself from the Class, you may present your objections by following the instructions in the section entitled, "When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?" on page XX below.

If you are a Class Member and you do not exclude yourself from the Class, you will be bound by any orders issued by the Court. If the Settlement is approved, the Court will enter a judgment (the "Judgment"). The Judgment will dismiss with prejudice the claims against Defendants and will provide that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and each of the other Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Claim (as defined below) against the Defendants and the other Released Defendants Parties (as defined below), and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Claims against any of the Released Defendant Parties.

"Released Claims" means any and all claims and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, including Unknown Claims (defined below), whether arising under federal, state, local, common, statutory, administrative, or foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation, at law or in equity, whether fixed or contingent, whether foreseen or unforeseen, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether liquidated or unliquidated, whether matured or unmatured, whether direct, representative, class, or individual in nature, that either were or could have been asserted in this Litigation, which arise out of, are based upon, or are related in any way to both: (i) the purchase or acquisition, or sale of Bit Digital securities; and (ii) the allegations, transactions, facts, matters, or occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, or referred to, or which could have been alleged, in the initial complaint dated January 20, 2021 and/or any amendments thereto.

"Released Defendant Parties" means (i) Defendants; and (ii) each of their respective family members, and their respective general partners, limited partners, principals, joint venturers, members, officers, directors, managers, managing directors, supervisors, employees, contractors, consultants, auditors, accountants, financial advisors, professional advisors, investment bankers, underwriters, representatives, insurers, trustees, trustors, agents, attorneys, professionals, predecessors, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and any controlling person thereof in their capacities as such.

"Unknown Claims" means any Released Claims or Released Defendant Claims that Defendants, Lead Plaintiff, or any other Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in such party's favor at the time of the release, which, if known by such party, might have affected such party's decision to settle or release claims. Upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, Lead Plaintiff and the Class shall expressly waive, and be deemed to have waived, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code § 1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE

RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASE PARTY.

Lead Plaintiff and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the other Class Members and each of the other Released Defendant Parties shall be deemed by operation of law to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

The Judgment will also provide that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived and discharged each and every Released Defendant Claims (as defined below) against Lead Plaintiff and the other Release Plaintiff Parties (as defined below), and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendant Claims against any of the Released Plaintiff Parties. This release shall not apply to any person or entity who or which timely and validly seeks exclusion from the Class or whose request for exclusion is accepted by the Court.

"Released Defendant Claims" means upon the Effective Date, Defendants will release as against Released Plaintiff Parties, all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or Unknown Claims, whether arising under federal, state, local, common, statutory, administrative, or foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation, at law or in equity, whether fixed or contingent, whether foreseen or unforeseen, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether liquidated or unliquidated, whether matured or unmatured, whether direct, representative, class, or individual in nature that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims against Defendants. Released Defendant Claims shall not include any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement.

"Released Plaintiff Parties" means: (i) Lead Plaintiff and other Class Members; and (ii) each of their respective family members, and their respective general partners, limited partners, principals, shareholders, joint venturers, members, officers, directors, managers, managing directors, supervisors, employees, contractors, consultants, auditors, accountants, financial advisors, professional advisors, investment bankers, representatives, insurers, trustees, trustors, agents, attorneys, including Lead Counsel, professionals, predecessors, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and any controlling person thereof, in their capacities as such.

## How do I participate in the Settlement? What do I need to do?

To be eligible for a payment from the proceeds of the Settlement, you must be a member of the Class and you must timely complete a Claim Form with adequate supporting documentation. Your Claim Form must be **submitted online or postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023**. A Claim Form is available on the website maintained by the Claims Administrator for the Settlement, <a href="https://www.BitDigitalSettlement.com">www.BitDigitalSettlement.com</a>. You may also request that a Claim Form be mailed to you by emailing the Claims Administrator at info@BitDigitalSettlement.com, or calling toll free at 1-\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_. Please retain all records of your ownership and transactions in Bit Digital common stock, as they may be needed to document your Claim. If you request exclusion from the Class or do not submit a timely and valid Claim Form, you will not be eligible to share in the Net Settlement Fund.

## How much will my payment be?

At this time, it is not possible to make any determinations as to how much any individual Class Member may receive from the Settlement.

Pursuant to the Settlement, Defendants have agreed to pay or cause to be paid \$2,100,000 in cash. The Settlement Amount will be deposited into an escrow account. The Settlement Amount plus any interest earned thereon is referred to as the "Settlement Fund." If the Settlement is approved by the Court and the Effective Date occurs, the "Net Settlement Fund" (that is, the Settlement Fund less: (i) the amount of the Fee and Expense Award and any award to Lead Plaintiff as allowed under the PSLRA, if and to the extent allowed by the Court; (ii) Notice and Administration Expenses; (iii) Taxes and Tax Expenses; and (iv) any other fees or expenses approved by the Court) will be distributed to Class Members who submit valid Claim Forms, in accordance with the proposed Plan of Allocation or such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve.

The Net Settlement Fund will not be distributed unless and until the Court has approved the Settlement and a plan of allocation, and the time for any petition for rehearing, appeal or review, whether by certiorari or otherwise, has expired.

Neither Defendants nor any other person or entity that paid any portion of the Settlement Amount on their behalf are entitled to receive back any portion of the Settlement Fund once the Court's order or judgment approving the Settlement becomes Final. Defendants shall not have any liability, obligation or responsibility for the administration of the Settlement, the disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund or the plan of allocation.

Approval of the Settlement is independent from approval of a plan of allocation. Any determination with respect to a plan of allocation will not affect the Settlement, if approved.

Participants in and beneficiaries of a plan covered by ERISA ("ERISA Plan") should NOT include any information relating to their transactions in Bit Digital common stock held through the ERISA Plan in any Claim Form that they might submit in this Action. They should include ONLY those shares that they purchased or acquired outside of the ERISA Plan. Claims based on any ERISA

Plan's purchases or acquisitions of Bit Digital common stock during the Class Period may be made by the plan's trustees. To the extent any of the Defendants or any of the other persons or entities excluded from the Class are participants in the ERISA Plan, such persons or entities shall not receive, either directly or indirectly, any portion of the recovery that may be obtained from the Settlement by the ERISA Plan.

The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds the Claim of any Class Member.

Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her or its Claim Form.

## **PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION**

- 1. The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to equitably distribute the Net Settlement proceeds to those Settlement Class Members who suffered economic losses as a proximate result of the alleged wrongdoing. The calculations made pursuant to the Plan of Allocation are not intended to be estimates of, nor indicative of, the amounts that Settlement Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial. Nor are the calculations pursuant to the Plan of Allocation intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement. The computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh the claims of Authorized Claimants against one another for the purposes of making *pro rata* allocations of the Net Settlement Fund.
- 2. The Plan of Allocation generally measures the amount of loss that a Settlement Class Member can claim for purposes of making *pro rata* allocations of the cash in the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants. The Plan of Allocation is not a formal damage analysis. Recognized Loss Amounts are based primarily on the price declines observed over the period during which Lead Plaintiff alleges corrective information was entering the marketplace. In this case, Lead Plaintiff alleges that Defendants made false statements and omitted material facts between December 21, 2020 and January 11, 2021, which had the effect of artificially inflating the prices of Bit Digital common stock.
- 3. In order to have recoverable damages, disclosure of the alleged misrepresentations must be the cause of the decline in the price of Bit Digital common stock. The alleged corrective disclosure that removed the artificial inflation from the price of Bit Digital common stock occurred on January 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. ET. Accordingly, in order to have a Recognized Loss Amount, a Settlement Class Member who purchased shares of Bit Digital common stock during the Class Period must have held such shares through the alleged corrective disclosure.
- 4. The entire Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to members of the Settlement Class, other than the portion of the Net Settlement Fund that cannot be distributed because of prohibitive administrative costs, which remainder shall be donated to a non-sectarian, non-profit organization.

# **CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS**

- 5. Based on the formula stated below, a Recognized Loss Amount will be calculated for each purchase of Bit Digital common stock during the Class Period that is listed on the Claim Form and for which adequate documentation is provided. If a Recognized Loss Amount calculates to a negative number or zero under the formula below, the Recognized Loss Amount for that transaction will be zero.
- 6. For each share of Bit Digital common stock purchased from December 21, 2020 through January 11, 2021 and:
  - (a) sold prior to 2:00 p.m. ET on January 11, 2021 (the date and time of the alleged corrective disclosure), the Recognized Loss Amount is zero;
  - (b) sold from 2:00 p.m. ET on January 11, 2021 through April 9, 2021, the Recognized Loss Amount is **the lesser of**: (i) \$6.27; or (ii) the purchase price per share *less* the average closing price between January 11, 2021 and the date of sale as stated in Table A below;
  - (c) held at the close of trading on April 9, 2021, the Recognized Loss Amount is equal to **the lesser of**: (i) \$6.27; or (ii) the purchase price per share *less* \$17.63.<sup>2</sup>

## **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

- 7. A Claimant's "Recognized Claim" under the Plan of Allocation shall be the sum of his, her or its Recognized Loss Amounts.
- 8. The Net Settlement Fund will be allocated among all Authorized Claimants whose Distribution Amount (defined in ¶13 below) is \$10.00 or greater.
- 9. If a Class Member has more than one purchase/acquisition or sale of Bit Digital common stock during the Class Period, all purchases/acquisitions and sales shall be matched on a First In, First Out ("FIFO") basis. Class Period sales will be matched first against any holdings of Bit Digital common stock at the beginning of the Class Period, and then against purchases/acquisitions of Bit Digital common stock, in chronological order, beginning with the earliest purchase/acquisition made during the Class Period.
- 10. Purchases/acquisitions and sales of Bit Digital common stock shall be deemed to have occurred on the "contract" or "trade" date as opposed to the "settlement" or "payment" date. The receipt or grant by gift, inheritance or operation of law of Bit Digital common stock during

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Section 21(D)(e)(1) of the Exchange Act, "in any private action arising under this title in which the plaintiff seeks to establish damages by reference to the market price of a security, the award of damages to the plaintiff shall not exceed the difference between the purchase or sale price paid or received, as appropriate, by the plaintiff for the subject security and the mean trading price of that security during the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the information correcting the misstatement or omission that is the basis for the action is disseminated to the market." The average (mean) closing price of Bit Digital common stock during the 90-day look-back period from January 11, 2021 through and including April 9, 2021 was \$17.63.

the Class Period, shall not be deemed a purchase, acquisition, or sale of the Bit Digital common stock for the calculation of an Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim, nor shall the receipt or grant be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase/acquisition of such Bit Digital common stock unless (i) the donor or decedent purchased or otherwise acquired such Bit Digital common stock during the Class Period; (ii) no Claim Form was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to such Bit Digital common stock; and (iii) it is specifically so provided in the instrument of gift or assignment.

- 11. The date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase or acquisition of the Bit Digital common stock. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of the Bit Digital common stock. In accordance with the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss Amount on "short sales" is zero. In the event that a Claimant has an opening short position in Bit Digital common stock, the earliest purchases or acquisitions during the Class Period shall be matched against such opening short position and not be entitled to a recovery until that short position is fully covered.
- 12. Bit Digital publicly traded common stock is the only security eligible for recovery under the Plan of Allocation. Option contracts are not securities eligible to participate in the Settlement. With respect to Bit Digital common stock purchased or sold through the exercise of an option, the purchase/sale date of the Bit Digital common stock is the exercise date of the option and the purchase/sale price is the exercise price of the option.
- 13. The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants on a *pro rata* basis based on the relative size of their Recognized Claims. Specifically, a "Distribution Amount" will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant, which will be the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim divided by the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund. If any Authorized Claimant's Distribution Amount calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.
- 14. After the initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Claims Administrator will make reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants cash their distribution checks. To the extent any monies remain in the Net Settlement Fund by reason of uncashed checks, or otherwise, nine (9) months after the initial distribution, if Class Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determine that it is cost-effective to do so, the Claims Administrator will conduct a re-distribution of the funds remaining after payment of any unpaid fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distribution, to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their initial distributions and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such re-distribution. Additional re-distributions may occur thereafter if Class Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determine that additional re-distributions, after deduction of any additional fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distributions, would be cost-effective. At such time as it is determined that the re-distribution of funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is not cost-effective, the remaining

balance shall be contributed to non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization(s), to be recommended by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

- 15. Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court, shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No person shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, Lead Plaintiff's damages expert, Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, any of the other Plaintiffs' Releasees or Defendants' Releasees, or the Claims Administrator or other agent designated by Class Counsel arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court, or further orders of the Court. Lead Plaintiff, Defendants and their respective counsel, and all other Defendants' Releasees, shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any Claim Form or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of taxes owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.
- 16. The Plan of Allocation set forth herein is the plan that is being proposed to the Court for its approval by Lead Plaintiff after consultation with their damages expert. The Court may approve this plan as proposed or it may modify the Plan of Allocation without further notice to the Settlement Class. Any Orders regarding any modification of the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the Settlement website, www.BitDigitalSettlement.com.

TABLE A

Bit Digital Common Stock Closing Price and Average Closing Price
January 11, 2021 – April 9, 2021

Sale Date	Closing Price	Average Closing Price Between January 11, 2021 and Date Shown	Sale Date	Closing Price	Average Closing Price Between January 11, 2021 and Date Shown
1/11/2021	\$18.76	\$18.76	2/25/2021	\$15.39	\$19.50
1/12/2021	\$19.65	\$19.21	2/26/2021	\$14.76	\$19.35
1/13/2021	\$18.16	\$18.86	3/1/2021	\$16.55	\$19.27
1/14/2021	\$18.12	\$18.67	3/2/2021	\$15.64	\$19.17
1/15/2021	\$16.66	\$18.27	3/3/2021	\$15.50	\$19.07
1/19/2021	\$16.46	\$17.97	3/4/2021	\$13.45	\$18.91
1/20/2021	\$16.72	\$17.79	3/5/2021	\$13.26	\$18.77
1/21/2021	\$16.36	\$17.61	3/8/2021	\$12.18	\$18.60
1/22/2021	\$17.47	\$17.60	3/9/2021	\$15.90	\$18.53
1/25/2021	\$16.37	\$17.47	3/10/2021	\$17.63	\$18.51

Exhibit A-2

Sale Date	Closing Price	Average Closing Price Between January 11, 2021 and Date Shown	Sale Date	Closing Price	Average Closing Price Between January 11, 2021 and Date Shown
1/26/2021	\$17.66	\$17.49	3/11/2021	\$18.30	\$18.50
1/27/2021	\$16.11	\$17.38	3/12/2021	\$17.99	\$18.49
1/28/2021	\$19.54	\$17.54	3/15/2021	\$18.94	\$18.50
1/29/2021	\$19.42	\$17.68	3/16/2021	\$16.62	\$18.46
2/1/2021	\$18.22	\$17.71	3/17/2021	\$17.83	\$18.45
2/2/2021	\$18.54	\$17.76	3/18/2021	\$16.34	\$18.40
2/3/2021	\$18.55	\$17.81	3/19/2021	\$16.94	\$18.37
2/4/2021	\$18.99	\$17.88	3/22/2021	\$15.84	\$18.32
2/5/2021	\$17.51	\$17.86	3/23/2021	\$14.78	\$18.25
2/8/2021	\$25.60	\$18.24	3/24/2021	\$13.49	\$18.15
2/9/2021	\$24.55	\$18.54	3/25/2021	\$13.91	\$18.07
2/10/2021	\$22.05	\$18.70	3/26/2021	\$13.56	\$17.99
2/11/2021	\$24.45	\$18.95	3/29/2021	\$12.94	\$17.89
2/12/2021	\$24.30	\$19.18	3/30/2021	\$14.60	\$17.83
2/16/2021	\$28.26	\$19.54	3/31/2021	\$15.02	\$17.78
2/17/2021	\$26.66	\$19.81	4/1/2021	\$14.33	\$17.72
2/18/2021	\$21.70	\$19.88	4/5/2021	\$16.75	\$17.71
2/19/2021	\$21.06	\$19.93	4/6/2021	\$16.76	\$17.69
2/22/2021	\$18.71	\$19.88	4/7/2021	\$15.42	\$17.65
2/23/2021	\$15.34	\$19.73	4/8/2021	\$16.85	\$17.64
2/24/2021	\$16.61	\$19.63	4/9/2021	\$16.96	\$17.63

# What payment are the attorneys for the Class seeking? How will the lawyers be paid?

Lead Counsel has not received any payment for their services in pursuing claims against the Defendants on behalf of the Class, nor has Lead Counsel been reimbursed for its out-of-pocket expenses. Before final approval of the Settlement, Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees for in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Fund. At the same time, Lead Counsel also intends to apply for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, which may include an application for reimbursement of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Lead Plaintiff directly related to his representation of the Class. The Court will determine the amount of any award of attorneys' fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

What if I do not want to be a member of the Class? How do I exclude myself?

Each Class Member will be bound by all determinations and judgments in this lawsuit, whether
favorable or unfavorable, unless such person or entity mails or delivers a written Request for
Exclusion from the Settlement Class, addressed to Bit Digital, Inc. Securities Litigation,
EXCLUSIONS, c/o Kroll Settlement Administration, P.O. Box, The
exclusion request must be <i>received</i> no later than, 2023. You will not be able to
exclude yourself from the Class after that date. Each Request for Exclusion must: (a) state the
name, address and telephone number of the Person requesting exclusion, and in the case of
entities the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person; (b) state that such
Person "requests exclusion from the Settlement Class in In re Bit Digital Inc. Securities
Litigation Lead Case No. 1:21-cv-00515-ALC "; (c) identify and state the number of shares of
Bit Digital common stock that the person or entity requesting exclusion purchased/acquired
and/or sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such
purchase/acquisition and sale; and (d) be signed by the person or entity requesting exclusion or
an authorized representative. A Request for Exclusion shall not be valid and effective unless it
provides all the information called for in this paragraph and is received within the time stated
above, or is otherwise accepted by the Court. You may not exclude yourself by telephone or by
email.

If you do not want to be part of the Class, you must follow these instructions for exclusion even if you have pending, or later file, another lawsuit, arbitration, or other proceeding relating to any Released Claim against any of the Released Defendant Parties.

If you ask to be excluded from the Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment out of the Net Settlement Fund.

When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement? Do I have to come to the hearing? May I speak at the hearing if I don't like the Settlement?

Class Members do not need to attend the Settlement Hearing. The Court will consider any submission made in accordance with the provisions below even if a Class Member does not attend the hearing. You can participate in the Settlement without attending the Settlement Hearing.

The Settlement Hearing will be held on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 at \_\_:\_\_\_.m., before the Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr. at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007. The Court reserves the right to approve the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses and/or any other matter related to the Settlement at or after the Settlement Hearing without further notice to the members of the Class.

Any Class Member who or which does not request exclusion may object to the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Objections must be in writing. You must file any written objection, together with copies of all other papers and briefs supporting the objection, with the Clerk's Office at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York at the address set forth below on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023. You must also serve the papers on Lead Counsel and on Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth below so that the papers are *received* 

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#### Clerk's Office

# **Lead Counsel**

## **Defendants' Counsel**

United States District Court Southern District of New York Clerk of the Court 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007 Block & Leviton LLP Jacob A. Walker 260 Franklin Street, Suite 1860 Boston, MA 02110 Kagen, Caspersen & Bogart PLLC Stuart Kagen 757 Third Avenue, 20th Fl New York, NY 10017

Any objection: (a) must state the name, address and telephone number of the Person objecting and must be signed by the objector; (b) must contain a statement of the Class Member's objection or objections, and the specific reasons for each objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention; and (c) must include documents sufficient to prove membership in the Class, including the number of shares of Bit Digital common stock that the objecting Class Member purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale. You may not object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses if you exclude yourself from the Class or if you are not a member of the Class.

You may file a written objection without having to appear at the Settlement Hearing. You may not, however, appear at the Settlement Hearing to present your objection unless you first file and serve a written objection in accordance with the procedures described above, unless the Court orders otherwise.

If you wish to be heard orally at the hearing in opposition to the approval of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and if you timely file and serve a written objection as described above, you must also file a notice of appearance with the Clerk's Office and serve it on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth above so that it is *received* on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023. Persons who intend to object and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing must include in their written objection or notice of appearance the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the hearing. Such persons may be heard orally at the discretion of the Court.

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Lead Counsel and Defendants' (	Counsel at the addresses set forth	on page XX above so that the
own expense, and that attorney	must file a notice of appearance	with the Court and serve it on
appearing at the Settlement Hear	ing. However, if you decide to him	re an attorney, it will be at your
You are not required to hire an	attorney to represent you in m	aking written objections or in

The Settlement Hearing may be adjourned by the Court without further written notice to the Class. If you intend to attend the Settlement Hearing, you should confirm the date and time with Lead Counsel.

Unless the Court orders otherwise, any Class Member who does not object in the manner described above will be deemed to have waived any objection and shall be forever foreclosed from making any objection to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Class Members do not need to appear at the Settlement Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

# Special Notice to Banks, Brokers, and other Nominees

If you purchased or otherwise acquired any Bit Digital common stock between December 21, 2020 and January 11, 2021, inclusive, for the beneficial interest of persons or organizations other than yourself, you must either: (a) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Notice, request from the Claims Administrator sufficient copies of the Postcard Notice to forward to all such beneficial owners or request information sufficient to allow the postcard notice to be emailed, and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Postcard Notices (or the necessary information for email) forward them to all such beneficial owners; or (b) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Postcard Notice, provide a list of the names, addresses, and, if available, email addresses of all such beneficial owners to info@BitDigitalSettlement.com. If you choose the second option, the Claims Administrator will send a copy of the Postcard Notice to the beneficial owners by postcard or, if available, electronic means. Upon full compliance with these directions, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred, up to a maximum of \$0.20 per notice, plus postage (if applicable), by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought. Any dispute concerning the reasonableness of reimbursement costs shall be resolved by the Court. Copies of this Long Form Notice, Postcard Notice, and the Claim Form may be obtained from the website maintained by the Claims Administrator, www.BitDigitalSettlement.com.

## Can I see the court file? Whom should I contact if I have questions?

This Notice contains only a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlement. For more detailed information about the matters involved in this Action, you are referred to the papers on file in the Action, including the Stipulation, which may be inspected during regular hours at the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Clerk of the Court, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007. Additionally, copies of the Stipulation and any related order entered by the Court will be posted on the website maintained by the Claims Administrator, <a href="https://www.BitDigitalSettlement.com">www.BitDigitalSettlement.com</a>.

All inquiries concerning this Notice and the Claim Form should be directed to the Claims Administrator or Class Counsel at:

Bit Digital, Inc. Securities Litigation	and/or	<b>Block &amp; Leviton LLP</b>
c/o Kroll Settlement Administration		260 Franklin Street, Suite 1860
P.O. Box		Boston, MA 02110
		Telephone: (617) 398-5600
800		Email:
www.BitDigitalSettlement.com		BitDigitalSettlement@blockleviton.com

Do not call or write the Court, the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Defendants or their Counsel regarding this Notice.

[DATE] By Order of the Court

United States District Court, Southern District of New York