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Re: *In re Ethereum 2.0, C-08950*

Dear Ms. Pauley:

We are counsel to Consensys Software Inc. and write in connection with the above-referenced investigation.

For the past 13 months, pursuant to a formal order of investigation in the matter of “Ethereum 2.0, C-08950,” the SEC staff has requested documents and testimony regarding Consensys’s acquisitions, holdings, and sales of ETH, based on a designation of ETH as a security and Consensys’s transactions in ETH as possible offers and sales of “securities . . . as to which no registration statement was or is in effect . . . and for which no exemption was or is available.”

On May 23, 2024, however, the SEC took action indicating that it has updated its position to classify ETH as a commodity and not a security. Specifically, in the *Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Changes, as Modified by Amendments Thereto, to List and Trade Shares of Ether-Based Exchange-Traded Products*, Release No. 34-100224, the SEC

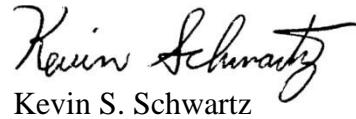
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approved rule changes for the listing of Exchange Traded Products that will hold spot ETH as “Commodity-Based Trust[s],” thus classifying ETH as a commodity and not a security.

In light of this development, please confirm whether the SEC now classifies ETH as a commodity and not a security, and accordingly whether the SEC Division of Enforcement’s investigation of Consensys’s ETH transactions is now closed and the SEC will not pursue an enforcement action relating to Consensys’s transactions in ETH.

Consensys reserves all rights.

Respectfully,



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