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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

Genesis Global Holdco, LLC, et al.,

Debtors¹

DIGITAL CURRENCY GROUP, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEPHEN H. SOKOLOWSKI, CHRISTOPHER H. SOKOLOWSKI, GENESIS GLOBAL HOLDCO, LLC, GENESIS GLOBAL CAPITAL, LLC, AND GENESIS ASIA PACIFIC PTE. LTD.

Defendants.

Case No. 23-10063 (SHL)

Adversary Proceeding No. 25-01111 (SHL)

DECLARATIONS OF STEPHEN H. SOKOLOWSKI AND CHRISTOPHER H. SOKOLOWSKI IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

¹ The Wind-Down Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Wind-Down Debtor's registration number in the applicable jurisdiction, are as follows: Genesis Global Holdco, LLC (8219), Genesis Global Capital, LLC (8564), and Genesis Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. (2164R)

We, Stephen H. Sokolowski and Christopher H. Sokolowski, being duly sworn, state as follows:

- 1. We are adult residents of Pennsylvania and co-owners/managers of PROHASHING LLC.
- 2. We submit this declaration in support of the *Defendants' Memorandum of Law in*Opposition to Motion for Preliminary Injunction and in opposition to DCG¹'s Motion for
 a Preliminary Injunction (ECF No. 2) and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for
 a Preliminary Injunction (ECF No. 4).
- **3.** We make this affidavit on personal knowledge.
- 4. We recount the following statements solely to explain why narrowly tailored discovery is warranted now; we do not offer them for their truth at this stage.

A. July 28 & 30, 2025 Meetings; "Direct" Acknowledgment

- 5. In a meeting on July 28, 2025, Vijay Boyapati invoked Vincent Falco's recent dismissal of his case and pressed both of us to dismiss our cases.
- 6. In a meeting on July 30, Jennifer Selendy stated "to be honest, the claims are different from those of the estate" and that the "consumer protection claims were direct."

B. Aug. 15–18, 2025: Email, Meeting Statements, and Admissions

- 7. A true and correct copy of Mr. Boyapati's Aug. 15, 2025 email is attached as Exhibit E.
- 8. In a meeting on Aug. 17, 2025, Mr. Boyapati stated that the Falco Action's complaint was "copied and pasted" from the Debtors' complaint.
- 9. In the Aug. 17, 2025 meeting, Mr. Boyapati stated that the Falco complaint was "obviously derivative."

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- 10. In the Aug. 17 meeting, Mr. Boyapati stated that he didn't believe that any of the Sokolowskis' claims were derivative.
- 11. In the Aug. 17 meeting, Stephen Sokolowski stated that he believed that Judge Lane would rule that the UTPCPL claim was direct at the Sept. 15 hearing. Mr. Boyapati first agreed, and then later warned that Judge Lane would enjoin the Sokolowskis' lawsuits.
- 12. In their Aug. 17 meeting, for the second time (the first occurred on July 28), when Stephen Sokolowski again pointed out that the Pa. Action was first filed, Mr. Boyapati suggested collaboration against DCG but did not engage on specific actions suggested by Stephen such as coordinating on discovery.
- 13. In their Aug. 17 meeting, Mr. Boyapati stated that the LOC and Selendy Gay had miscommunications, and that repeated use of the word "creditors" in their briefs and at the Aug. 15 status conference did not reflect the LOC's intent and pre-dated counsel's reading of the Sokolowskis' complaints.
- 14. Mr. Boyapati and Ms. Selendy told the Sokolowskis post-status meeting in multiple instances, including in their Aug. 18 meeting, that one or both "hadn't read" (and, later, "hadn't really understood") the Sokolowskis' Pa. Compl. and had mistakenly believed that the AP was primarily focused on Vincent Falco.
- 15. In their Aug. 17 meeting, Mr. Boyapati stated that the LOC never intended to enjoin the Sokolowskis' claims. Stephen Sokolowski asked him whether that included the Conn. claims. Mr. Boyapati agreed that the Conn.claims should also not be enjoined.
- 16. In their Aug. 18 meeting, Ms. Selendy promised to consider taking an action that would ensure that the Sokolowskis' claims were acknowledged as direct, but only if the Sokolowskis first provided her with a private bankruptcy claim sale contract. To justify

- the need for the document, Ms. Selendy argued "non-creditors can't have derivative claims, right?"
- 17. In their Aug. 17 meeting, Mr. Boyapati stated that DCG was trying to manufacture jurisdiction in Del..
- 18. In meetings on Aug. 17-18, Mr. Boyapati and Ms. Selendy repeatedly reiterated, despite being provided counterarguments, that a "direct" ruling would not harm DCG.
- 19. At the Aug. 15, 2025 status meeting, Stephen Sokolowski introduced the Sokolowskis' counterclaim; in response, DCG attorney Benjamin Kaminetzky stated in court that the Sokolowskis and DCG might be "violently aligned."

I, Stephen H. Sokolowski, being duly sworn, state as follows:

C. Dec. 6, 2024 Meeting; Social Media "Likes"; Contact

- 20. On Dec. 6, 2024, I met by video call with Amelia Alvarez and Vijay Boyapati. During this meeting, I described the Pa. Action that was being prepared. Ms. Alvarez expressed concern for PROHASHING employee Sarah Manter, who had been laid off after reserves were lost to the alleged original DCG fraudulent scheme.
- 21. A true and correct copy of the email I received from Ms. Alvarez on Dec. 6, 2024 is attached as Exhibit K.
- 22. True and correct copies of my posts on X and the users who "liked" them are attached as Exhibit B.
- 23. I received ten emails from Ms. Alvarez between Dec. 2024 and June 24, 2025.

- **24.** A true and correct copy of my email conversation with Ms. Alvarez on May 17, 2025 is attached as Exhibit H.
- **25.** A true and correct copy of the email I received from Ms. Alvarez on May 22, 2025 is attached as Exhibit J.
- **26.** I sent my last message to Ms. Alvarez on June 25, 2025, and she did not reply. A true and correct copy of this email is attached as Exhibit I.

D. Wells Fargo Service and Timing

27. A Wells Fargo debt had been disputed since June 2023. On May 30, 2025, I received a demand letter for this debt. On July 8, 2025 (morning), I was served by Centre County, Pa. sheriffs for a case in the Court of Common Pleas regarding this debt.

E. July 25, 2025 Boyapati First Contact

28. A true and correct copy of that July 25. 2025 email from Mr. Boyapati is attached as Exhibit D.

F. UBMI Knowledge

29. With respect to *United Brands and Marketing International S.à r.l. v. Prohashing, LLC* (UBMI Action), I had never heard of UBMI before the UBMI Action was filed. I am not aware of any Power of Attorney (PoA) being requested or received by UBMI or any other customer. PROHASHING's policy has never been to request or accept customer PoAs.

G. Documentation of Meetings

30. I recorded detailed notes following every meeting with the Debtors' representatives and attest to the events of meetings based upon notes that I recorded immediately following each meeting.

I, Christopher H. Sokolowski, being duly sworn, state as follows:

H. Falco Coordination Email

31. A true and correct copy of my July 16, 2025 email sent to Vincent Falco's counsel is attached as Exhibit C.

I. UBMI/PoA search; PROHASHING Capacity and Risk

- With respect to *United Brands and Marketing International S.à r.l. v. Prohashing, LLC* (UBMI Action), I conducted a company-wide search of PROHASHING's support, compliance, email, and customer resource management repositories, and found no record of any customer Power of Attorney (PoA) or any request for one. PROHASHING's policy has never been to request or accept customer PoAs. I had never heard of UBMI before that case was filed.
- 33. Upon a review of PROHASHING's finances on Sept. 3, 2025, I determined that PROHASHING's defense costs in the UBMI/Bull Blockchain action exceed the business's net income, and that PROHASHING is unlikely to remain solvent through discovery and trial.

- **34.** A true and correct copy of PROHASHING's Terms of Service is attached as Exhibit F.
- **35.** A true and correct copy of former PROHASHING employee Vance Vu's affidavit is attached as Exhibit G.

We declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: Sept. 6, 2025

State College, Pa.

/s/ Stephen H. Sokolowski

Stephen H. Sokolowski

/s/ Christopher H. Sokolowski

Christopher H. Sokolowski

Exhibit A

Proposed Discovery Protocol

(Time-Limited; Proportional)

This document sets out a short, proportional record-completion procedure focused on coordination, motive, and timing relevant to equitable relief in this AP¹, including any request for preliminary or permanent injunctive relief (collectively, the "Injunction Requests"). Given Defendants' substantial threshold showing of coordination and timing irregularities, narrowly tailored and time-limited record completion is warranted.

Defendants submit this narrowly tailored protocol only in the alternative—if the Court concludes limited, expedited discovery would aid the Rule 65 equities. The requests are time boxed, coordination focused, and expressly avoid merits discovery.

A. Phase 1 *In Camera* Lodgings (within 10 days)

Custodians:

- For DCG: Benjamin S. Kaminetzky (DCG counsel); Elliot Moskowitz (Davis Polk);
 Aimie Killeen (DCG Chief Legal Officer).
- For Debtors/LOC: Vijay Boyapati (LOC member); Amelia Alvarez (WDOC member);
 Jennifer Selendy (Selendy Gay); Mark Renzi (Plan Administrator). Non-corporate
 accounts/devices used for LOC/WDOC business are included.

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Materials to lodge:

- 1. Precursor Planning (Nov. 1, 2024–May 6, 2025): documents sufficient to show earliest awareness of the Sokolowski Pa. Action or consumer claims; any planning or approvals to pursue a PI or plan enforcement strategy; any use or proposed use of "property of the estate"/"derivative" framing. This item is limited to documents sufficient to show (e.g., earliest email, agenda, or memo) and does not require full thread productions.
- 2. Contacts with Falco (Mar. 20–Aug. 18, 2025): All communications (email, text/IM/Slack/Teams/Signal/iMessage) in the possession of DCG, Debtors/LOC, and their counsel with Vincent Falco or his counsel (McDermott Will & Emery; domains including mwe.com; names/abbreviations McDermott/MWE), including complete thread families (parents/children), forwards, attachments, and any calendar invites/links/notes memorializing those contacts. Lodged in camera with a short certification of custodians/accounts searched.
- 3. Planning of this AP (Mar. 1–Aug. 18, 2025): Complete threads (emails, text/IM/Slack/Teams) and exchanged drafts/redlines, between DCG (and its counsel) and Debtors/LOC (and their counsel) concerning: (a) this AP and the Injunction Requests; and/or (b) the Debtors' plan-enforcement motion; and (c) internal communications reflecting whether to invite, oppose, or remain neutral in this AP regarding the UTPCPL claim's ownership (direct vs. derivative). Include metadata sufficient to show send/receive and draft lineage. Lodgings should also include any draft or template language used across complaints or pleadings addressing 'estate' or 'derivative' framing.
- 4. Awareness of third-party litigation (May 1–Aug. 18, 2025): documents sufficient to show any awareness of litigation involving the Sokolowskis or PROHASHING,

- including references to "UBMI," "United Brands," "PROHASHING," "Bull Blockchain," "Wells Fargo," and "Orlans."
- 5. Judge Denise Cote's *sua sponte* order (July 7-8, 2025): complete native message threads (including all prior/forward messages, attachments, and chat/SMS/IM history) concerning the timing or filing of this Adversary Proceeding in relation to the Falco schedule and Judge Cote's July 7, 2025 order (including, without limitation, discussion of amendment deadlines, diversity letter, initial pretrial conference/IPC adjournment, first filed optics, and coordination/"alignment").
- 6. Post-pivot abeyance/Del. strategy (July 14 4:00pm EDT-Aug. 15, 2025): documents sufficient to show any proposal for abeyance, DCG's response/refusal, and use of this AP or the Injunction Requests relative to Del. remand/transfer strategy.
- 7. **Post-hearing outreach/admissions (Aug. 15–18, 2025):** documents sufficient to reflect outreach by LOC/estate representatives regarding the PI, abeyance, or whether any claim is direct.
- 8. Sokolowskis' contemporaneous meeting notes. Upon the Court's request, the Sokolowskis will lodge in camera true and correct copies of contemporaneous notes memorializing the July 28, July 30, Aug. 15, Aug. 17, and Aug. 18, 2025 meetings and communications referenced in Argument 2.

Lodgings are *in camera* with a short privilege/work-product log; the Court may conduct targeted *in camera* sampling as needed. In-camera lodgings are not deemed produced to any party, create no waiver, and will not be disseminated absent further order. Scope includes LOC chair communications (including consultants/agents and any non-corporate accounts/devices used for LOC business).

B. Phase 1 Party Requests (RFPs/Searches; substantial completion in 10 days)

Each of DCG and Debtors/LOC shall respond to five (5) targeted RFPs limited to:

- 1. The complete threads and exchanged drafts/redlines described in \S A.
- Communications (emails and chats) March 20–July 14, 2025 using these terms (and reasonable variants): align*, "me too", injunction, Rule 65, All Writs, abeyance, Delaware, Sokolowski, Falco, UBMI, United Brands, PROHASHING, Bull Blockchain, UTPCPL, first filed, Wells Fargo, Orlans, derivative, direct, "property of the estate," template, "copy paste," "form complaint," "test case," "first filed optics," "talking points," fund*, indemn*, "common interest," JDA, NDA, Cote, SDNY, diversity, sealed, amend*, dismiss*, boilerplate, retainer, referral, remand, transfer, and any discussion of draft or template language for complaints/pleadings, or of engagement/funding/indemnity for any such complaint. Searches shall be case-insensitive and treat * as a right-hand wildcard (e.g. 'align' matches align/aligned/alignment.)
- 3. Targeted communications (emails and chats) July 14–Aug. 18, 2025 limited to abeyance, Delaware, align*, and "me too," and Aug. 15–18, 2025 communications reflecting post-hearing outreach/admissions (as in § A.6).
- **4.** Documents in which any party characterized the Sokolowski UTPCPL claim as direct or addressed the risk/impact of a "direct" ruling.
- 5. Documents sufficient to show the dates and parties to any engagement, funding, indemnity, referral or common-interest/JDA related to any complaint asserted by non-parties concerning the same subject matter.

Format: Produce email family groups and exchanged drafts in native/MSG/EML; chats/IMs in a platform export or PDF with timestamps/participants; text-searchable PDFs are acceptable. With production, each party will serve a brief certification listing custodians, date ranges, and search terms used. The same custodial, date-range, and format limits apply to all Producing Parties (and to Defendants if reciprocal materials are sought).

Each Producing Party (DCG and the Debtors/LOC) shall identify up to 5 initial custodians within 3 days of the Order.

C. Depositions (Deferred, per § F)

No depositions are required in Phase 1. If any § F trigger occurs, each of DCG and Debtors/LOC shall present one Rule 30(b)(6) witness (up to 60 minutes each) solely to address gaps/ambiguities identifiable from Phase 1 documents (e.g., purpose/timing decisions; meaning of "aligned/me-too"; abeyance pivot; Falco timing; identification of custodians referenced in threads). Depositions shall occur within 7 days after the last Phase 1 production/privilege sampling unless otherwise ordered.

D. Third-Party Paper

These third-party requests are supplemental; the Court and parties should look first to DCG's and the Debtors' sworn lodgings in §§ A-B.

Phase 2 (conditional; see § F):

Third-party productions that implicate privilege or common-interest issues may be lodged *in camera* to the Court with a short *in camera* index (date, sender/recipients, medium, one-line description) pending further direction.

- Bull Blockchain Law LLP— Return within 14 days of service: (i) engagement letters; (ii) any power of attorney/authorization relied upon (native); (iii) the Terms of Service referenced as "Exhibit A" in the UBMI Action's complaint; and (iv) any communications with DCG, Barry E. Silbert, Debtors/LOC, Davis Polk, or Selendy Gay referencing "Sokolowski," "Genesis," "Falco," "DCG," "LOC," or "UBMI/PROHASHING," from May 1-Aug. 18, 2025 and terms in § B.2.
- Vincent Falco (individual)—Return within 14 days of service: documents limited to Mar. 1–July 31, 2025: native drafts of the SDNY complaint (and any proposed amendment) with tracked changes/comments preserved; document property fields and any cloud version history; complete transmittal threads (emails/chats) and any calendar invites/links associated with circulation or review; documents sufficient to show engagement/funding/indemnity and the dates/parties to any common-interest/JDA or NDA related to that filing.
- McDermott Will & Emery LLP— Return within 14 days of service: documents limited to any communications with DCG, Debtors/LOC, Davis Polk, or Selendy Gay from Mar. 1 July 31, 2025 referencing "Sokolowski," "Pa. Action," "derivative," "preliminary injunction," "adversary proceeding," and any draft complaint materials as described above if MWE authored or edited such drafts, limited to Mar. 1–July 31, 2025.
- WDOC member(s) identified in § A— Return within 14 days of service: documents limited to plan-enforcement or AP-planning communications with DCG/Debtors/LOC concerning Pa. consumer claims (same date range/terms as § B).

• Up to two additional document-only subpoenas (return within 14 days of service) reauthorized by this Order (serve on notice), limited to narrow custodians/terms revealed by Phase 1.

All third-party returns are subject to the protective order in § F.

E. Schedule & Briefing

Total Phase 1 duration: 28 days from entry; within 14 days after Phase 1 closes, each side may file a no more than 20-page supplemental brief on equities/clean-hands; replies no more than 10 pages.

F. Confidentiality and Expansion Triggers (Pre-Authorized; No Motion Needed)

A single-tier protective order (designating all productions "Confidential") applies, together with a Fed. R. Evid. 502(d) clawback order; *in camera* lodgings are for the Court only and remain sealed unless the Court orders otherwise. No higher designation (including "Attorneys' Eyes Only") will apply absent a later stipulation or order on a document-specific showing that targeted redactions or in camera review are inadequate.

If any of the following occurs: (a) material gaps; (b) privilege assertions block coordination/draft evidence; (c) any party submits declarations to explain/contextualize Phase 1 materials— then, upon email notice to the parties and chambers:

- **RFP Expansion:** each side may serve up to 5 additional targeted RFPs and extend the date range to Nov.. 1, 2024–Aug. 18, 2025.
- Short 30(b)(6): each of DCG and Debtors/LOC shall present a Rule 30(b)(6) witness for up to 60 minutes limited to Phase 1 gaps.
- Third-Party Paper: Defendants may serve up to two additional document-only subpoenas (return within 14 days of service) limited to custodians/terms revealed by Phase 1. Production is subject to § F; Defendants will provide any necessary consents to address privacy objections.
- **Privilege Handling:** Unresolved disputes may be resolved via targeted *in camera* sampling at the Court's discretion.
- **Return period:** For any subpoena issued by a non-attorney pro se party, the return period runs from the date of service after issuance by the Clerk.

G. Preservation (Immediate)

Parties and identified third parties shall preserve relevant materials (email, chats/IMs, documents, and cloud repositories) from Nov. 1, 2024—Aug. 18, 2025, including mobile devices used for relevant communications. Preservation obligations expressly apply to the LOC chair (in his LOC capacity) including any non-corporate accounts or devices used for LOC communications. These preservation obligations also apply to Vincent Falco and any law firm(s) that drafted or filed his SDNY complaint, including email, chats (Slack/Teams/Signal/WhatsApp/iMessage/Telegram), cloud repositories (Google Drive/Docs;

Microsoft 365/SharePoint/OneDrive) with version histories, and related calendar invites/links. Auto-delete settings must be suspended within one day of this Order.

H. Dispute Resolution

Phase 1 disputes: joint letter (max pages) within 3 business days of impasse; the Court may resolve on the papers or set a short teleconference.

I. No Merits Enlargement

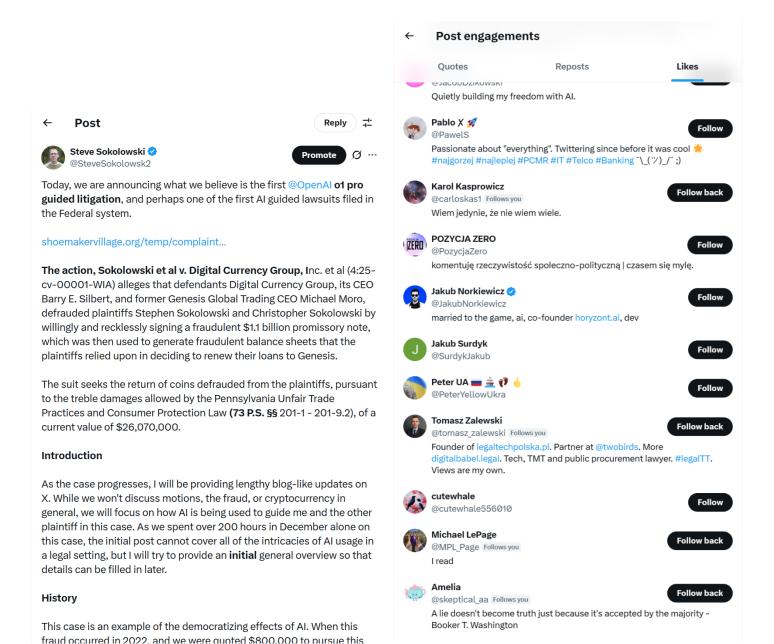
This Protocol is limited to equitable issues for the Injunction Requests in this AP. It does not authorize merits discovery in the Pa. Action, and nothing herein waives any party's rights there.

Exhibit B

Note: Each X post has two screenshots since the text of the post and the list of who "liked" the post are on two separate webpages.

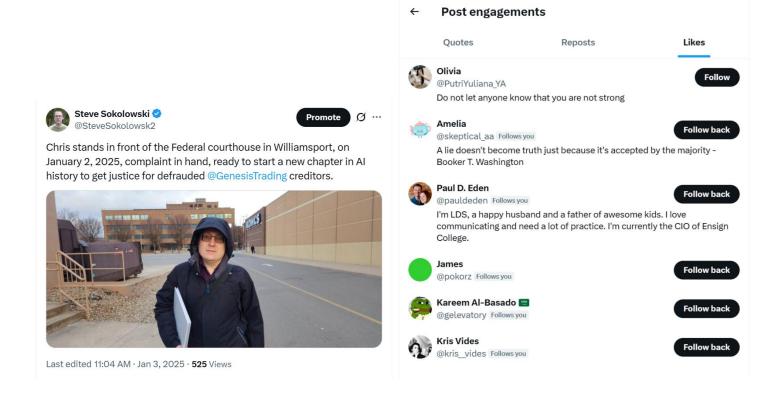
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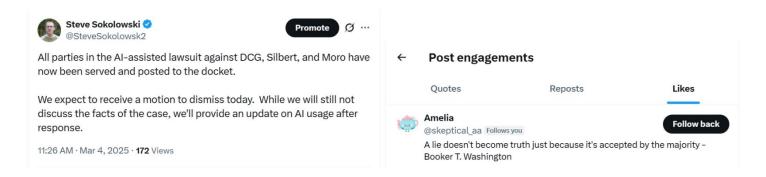


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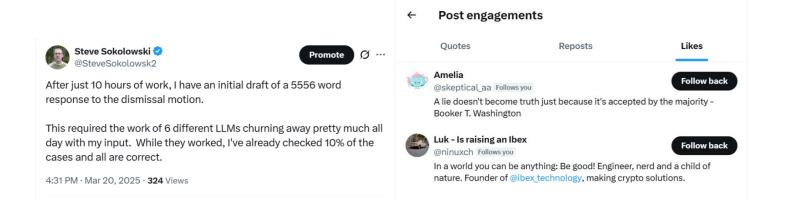


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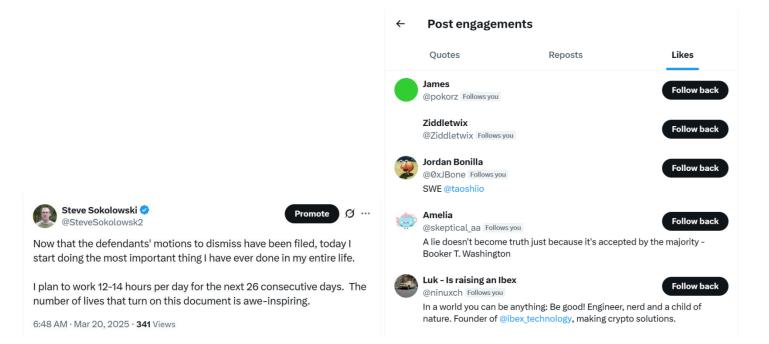


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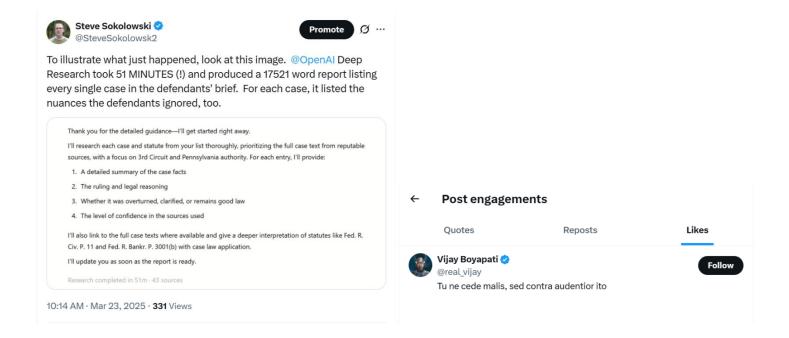


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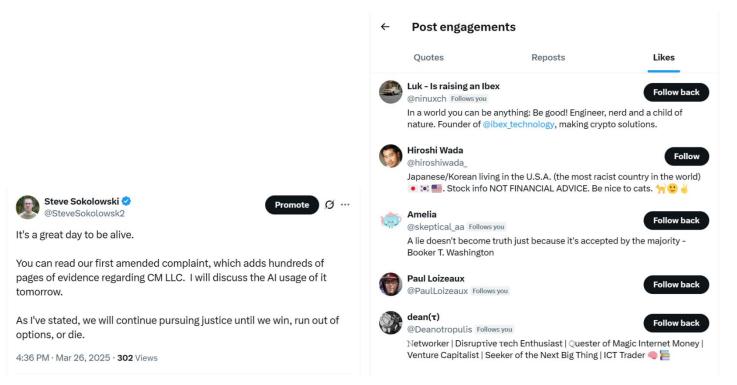


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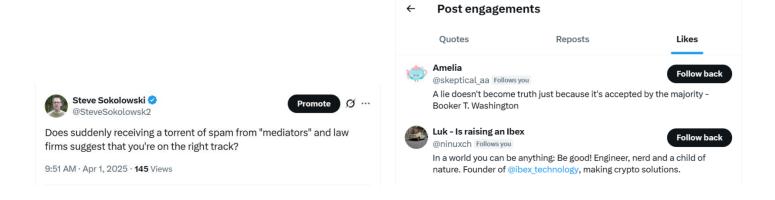


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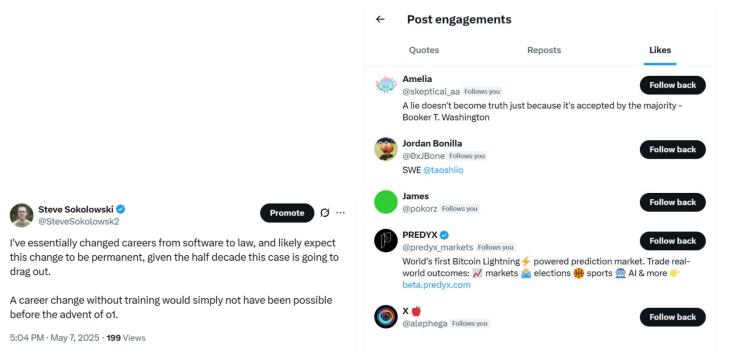


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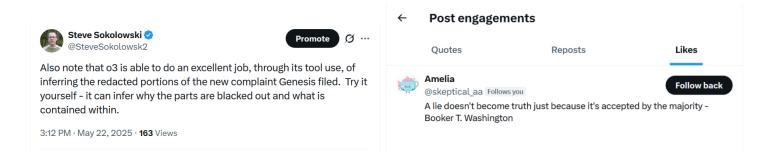
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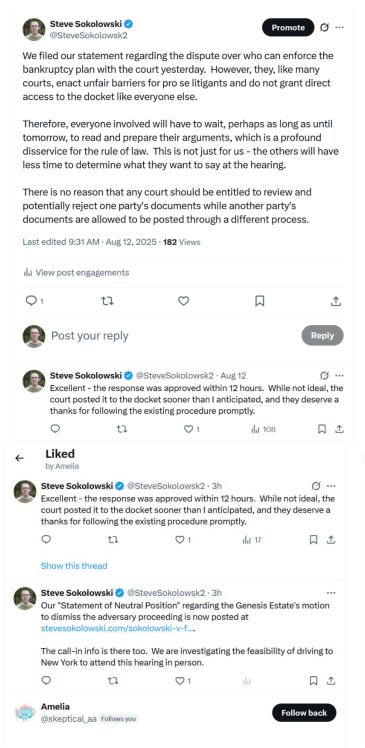
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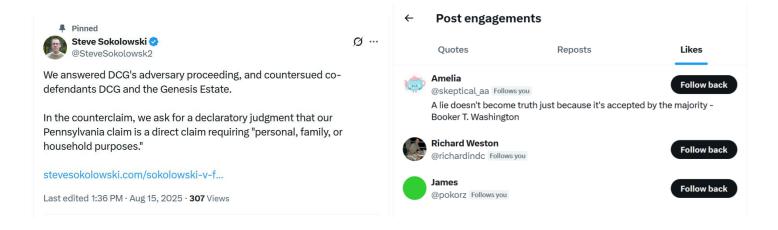


Exhibit C

Subject: Meeting regarding DCG NYSB case?

From: Christopher Sokolowski <chris@prohashing.com>

Date: 7/16/2025, 2:39 AM **To:** asouthwell@mwe.com

Hello,

My name is Christopher Sokolowski. I am a co-defendant in a case in the New York Southern District Bankruptcy Court adversary proceeding 25-01111-shl.

A client of yours, Vincent Falco, is also a defendant in this case. Will you be representing him in this case?

If you are representing him, then I and my co-defendant Stephen H Sokolowski would like to meet with you next week. Stephen and I are proceeding pro se as we did in our Pennsylvania case, and we would like to discuss plans for this case.

When would you be available to meet next week?

Sincerely, -Christopher H Sokolowski 814-600-9804

Exhibit D

Re: Suit against DCG

	From:	Vijay Boyapati <vijayb@gmail.com></vijayb@gmail.com>
	То:	Stephen Sokolowski <steve@shoemakervillage.org></steve@shoemakervillage.org>
	Date:	Fri, 25 Jul 2025 19:27:08 -0700
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	Hi Stephen, I wanted to reach out again and see if you had time to discuss your lawsuit? I've been following along with your posts and was hoping to chat about our progress too.	
	Best, Vijay.	
On Thu, Dec 5, 2024 at 5:11■AM Stephen Sokolowski < steve@shoemakervillage.org> wrote:		
	 Hi Vijay, I was told that your law firm is involved in a suit against the principals behind the Genesis scam. Could you tell me more about the claims you are making and whether you are joining additional plaintiffs? I was a Genesis creditor. Thanks! Steve Sokolowski Steve Sokolowski 	

Exhibit E

Re: Stephen <> Selendy Gay

From: Vijay Boyapati <vijayb@gmail.com>

To: Stephen Sokolowski <steve@shoemakervillage.org>

Cc: Chris Sokolowski <chris@shoemakervillage.org>

Date: Thu, 31 Jul 2025 08:31:04 -0700

Message-ID: <CAKtWZ_OK_OMVyHXS84Ea4ny4kq++CLRtPeBsyRwX3Mw2W6m6-Q@mail.gmail.com>

Stephen, firstly I wanted to say I appreciate your concern about saving estate resources, which is very unlike our experience with DCG. You could see from the first hearing on the enjoining motion that their lawyer's goal was to grandstand in front of Judge Lane, wasting time and resources for everyone, which is precisely their strategy.

We are happy to continue to meet with you to coordinate because we believe it's appropriate and cost effective for everyone to come to a cooperative and consensual understanding between plaintiffs against DCG without wasting the court's time on this. Especially because it's the estate's prerogative to enjoin cases that overlap with estate claims, NOT DCG's.

To the extent your claims are bona fide individual claims you wish to bring against DCG, I wish you well and genuinely hope for a good result for you because we are all victims of DCG's malfeasance. To the extent that we believe there are claims that belong to the estate, we are happy to meet to coordinate on that issue, as we did several times with Falco and his counsel.

Next steps: let's coordinate a time around the August 9th to meet again. I'll check with Jennifer on her availability for a second meeting.

Best, Vijay.

On Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 4:54■AM Stephen Sokolowski < steve@shoemakervillage.org> wrote:

- > Hi Vijay,
- >
- > Thanks for the meeting yesterday. I don't want to waste thousands of the
- > Estate's dollars by contacting Jennifer directly on trivial matters like
- > this.

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- > Chris and I, after a discussion, decided that we would like to accept
- > Jennifer's invitation to briefly meet again, preferably on or around
- > Saturday, August 9. DCG has told us they are going to amend their

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> adversary proceeding on August 8, likely to remove Falco as a defendant.
> After we read what DCG has to say, we can discuss ways to ensure our
> actions do not impact the Estate's having its greatest possible chance of
> success at its hearing a few days later.
> Thanks,
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> -Steve Sokolowski
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> On 7/30/2025 2:34 PM, Vijay Boyapati wrote:
> I'm in the zoom waiting room, waiting for the meeting to begin, just FYI.
> On Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 6:06■PM Vijay Boyapati wrote:
>> Will do, thanks Stephen.
>> On Tue, Jul 29, 2025, 5:47 PM Stephen Sokolowski <
>> steve@shoemakervillage.org> wrote:
>>
>>> Hi Vijay,
>>> We can meet at 2:30pm, then.
>>> Please send the connection information when you have it.
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>>> Thanks,
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>>> -Steve Sokolowski
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>>> On 7/29/2025 6:43 PM, Vijay Boyapati wrote:
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>>> She can't do 1pm tomorrow but can to 1230pm or 2:30pm or 4pm. Do any of
>>> those work?
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>>> On Tue, Jul 29, 2025, 2:21■PM Vijay Boyapati wrote:
>>>> Let me check in to see whether 1pm EST tomorrow will work and get back
>>>> to you
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>>> On Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 1:29■PM Stephen Sokolowski <
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>>>> steve@shoemakervillage.org> wrote:
>>>> Hi Vijay,
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>>>> I talked with Chris and we would be glad to meet with Ms. Selendy
>>>> tomorrow, July 30, at 1:00pm. I was mistaken about the timeline; DCG
>>>> informed us that they will be filing an amendment on August 8, not July
>>>> 29. Please send me the link to Zoom or whatever meeting software you plan
>>>> to use.
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>>>> We look forward to discussing how we can work together to defeat our
>>>> shared adversary with Ms. Selendy.
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>>>> Thanks,
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>>>> -Steve Sokolowski
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>>>> On 7/29/2025 9:50 AM, Vijay Boyapati wrote:
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>>>> Thanks
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>>>> On Tue, Jul 29, 2025, 5:22■AM Stephen Sokolowski <
>>>> steve@shoemakervillage.org> wrote:
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>>>>> Hi Vijay,
>>>>>
>>>> OK, thanks. Chris is not awake right now, but you can tell them we
>>>> will not be able to meet today. I'll get back to you later about whether
>>>> Wednesday or Monday is the better day.
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>>>>> Thanks!
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>>>> -Steve
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>>>> On 7/29/2025 1:28 AM, Vijay Boyapati wrote:
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>>>>> Hi Stephen, unfortunately Thursday and Friday are pretty busy for me
>>>> as I'm speaking at Bitcoin conference in Portland. Next Monday is pretty
>>>> open if that would work better for you.
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>>>> On Mon, Jul 28, 2025 at 7:17■PM Stephen Sokolowski <
>>>>> steve@shoemakervillage.org> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>> Hi Vijay,
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>>>>>
>>>>> Thanks. What times do you have available on Thursday?
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>>>>> DCG has informed us that they will be amending their complaint or
>>>>> taking another action tomorrow which will reset the response deadline.
>>>>> They almost always post late at night. We would like to review and discuss
>>>>> what they have to write before this meeting with Ms. Selendy.
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>>>>> Thanks.
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>>>>> -Steve Sokolowski
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>>>>> On 7/28/2025 4:29 PM, Vijay Boyapati wrote:
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>>>>> Hi Stephen, thanks again for your time today. As mentioned on our
>>>>> call I wanted to connect you with our counsel so that we can continue to
>>>>> discuss the best path forward and whether there is any mutual interest
>>>>> between the Genesis estate and your company. I wanted to introduce you to
>>>>> Jennifer Selendy who is the founder and partner at Selendy Gay, the firm
>>>>> representing the Genesis estate in pursuing its causes of action against
>>>>> DCG.
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>>>>> Jennifer is familiar with your case and I think it would be mutually
>>>>> beneficial to have a frank and open discussion about it.
>>>>> I was hoping that either 5pm EST tomorrow (Tuesday) or 12pm-2pm EST
>>>>> on Wednesday would work.
>>>>> Please let me know and also feel free to add Christopher to this
>>>>> email chain.
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>>>>> Best.
>>>>> Vijay.
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Exhibit F

Legal Information

This section reviews Prohashing's policies and procedures. Here, you'll learn when and how Prohashing is responsible for unpaid earnings, what government regulations we are required to observe, how our forums are moderated, and our errors policy. If you have any questions or concerns please contact help@prohashing.com.

Government Regulations 🛮

Government regulations mandate that Prohashing send paperwork to customers who earn more than \$600 in any calendar year. However, many international customers may be able to submit a form certifying that they are exempt. Compliance with these regulations is focused on the Legal Information section of the "Account" page.

Prohashing is required to adhere to these regulations for all individuals and most companies with which it does business; therefore, these procedures apply to anyone who receives more than \$600 from Prohashing in any given calendar year.

Form 1099-NEC (United States Customers) 🛷

To comply with United States Internal Revenue Service regulations, Prohashing mails 1099-NEC forms to its customers every January. Since we rent hashrate from customers (who are independent contractors), use it to mine blocks for ourselves, and pay those contractors a fixed rate for the product they are renting, these forms are required by US law to be distributed to customers who live in the United States (or who meet some other conditions) and who earned more than \$600 during the previous calendar year. Customers who are not associated with the United States are exempt from this requirement and can submit a W8-BEN form certifying their exemption instead, which is described in the following section.

Prohashing does not withhold any taxes, nor do 1099-NEC forms necessarily mandate the payment of taxes. Prohashing's obligation is solely to generate the forms and mail them by physical mail to qualifying customers. We do not provide advice on how to complete this paperwork or whether you are exempt or not; you may want to consult the IRS website, an accountant, or a lawyer for assistance. Some information may be found in this document. The response in answer A-13 is what caused us to decide to mail these forms to US customers. Information about which international customers qualify as exempt from the paperwork is provided at this site.

Some customers may decide that they are subject to the regulations, but they are mining as a business. The law does not require us to send forms to businesses. To declare that payouts from your account are being paid to a US business, check the checkbox indicating that. For tax years 2019 and later, no forms will be mailed to business accounts. Even though we do not produce or mail forms to businesses, we are still required to collect the same address information for business customers and store it offline in the same location where the W8-BEN forms are stored.

To provide information to be included on the 1099-NEC form, visit the "Settings" page and enter the required information. If you wish to declare that you are exempt from receiving a 1099-NEC form, select the option that declares that you are not a US resident and click "Submit" to complete a W8-BEN form instead.

Charity mining and tip mining is not included in the totals printed on the 1099-NEC forms. The forms require us to print how much customers are paid. Charity and tip mining are also not included in the consideration of whether a customer has exceeded the \$600 threshold to be required to submit 1099-NEC forms, because the regulations state that the form is to contain only money paid to the customer. Since 1099-NEC forms are not tax bills, you should contact an attorney to determine whether charity and tip mining is taxable in for your specific circumstances.

Address data submitted to the system is archived offline daily, so any potential hacking in the future will only result in the loss of today's data. Because the data is not stored online, it is not possible to display previously submitted data. Instead, we can only search whether a customer has submitted data or not. If you believe you made a mistake in a previous submission, submit the form again and the previous data will be replaced with the data you just submitted. This data will sit on the disconnected disks until each January, when it is used to mail the forms to customers; it is not used for any other purpose or given to any other company.

Customers who have not earned \$600 in a calendar year are not required to submit this information, although they may submit it early to ensure prompt payment should they exceed the \$600 threshold for form mailing. If information is submitted but the customer does not earn \$600, no form is mailed. Regardless of whether a customer submits information or not, no forms will be mailed to customers who earn less than \$600 in a year. If information has not been submitted for a customer who crosses the \$600 threshold, we reserve the right to withhold payment until the information is received. While we intend to make every effort to pay customers no matter when they submit this information, Prohashing's liability for payments exceeding the \$600 yearly threshold for customers who have not submitted information ends 90 days after the threshold was first exceeded.

Sometimes, the IRS sends Prohashing letters informing us that a customer has submitted erroneous address data. These letters instruct us to halt payouts to customers until the address is corrected. When this happens, customers are asked to submit a support ticket (see the page footer for more details) with the corrected information. It is extremely labor-intensive to manually check IRS address corrections, because we need to retrieve the data from the offline location, find the correct person's information, and then decrypt it to verify that the new data satisfies the requirements. It may require several weeks to release payout holds in these circumstances because it is too time-consuming to work on one customer at a time and we need to aggregate trips to the bank. It is extremely important to submit accurate address data so that your account is not subject to an extended hold.

Form W8-BEN/W8-BEN-E (International Customers) 🛷

The IRS mandates that international customers who earn at least \$600 complete forms <u>W8-BEN</u> or <u>W8-BEN-E</u> and that they be stored by the mining pool. Charity and tip mining is not included in the consideration of balances for the \$600 limit. These forms are linked in the IRS forms section. Unlike the form 1099-NEC, which Prohashing mails to customers, customers submit the W8-BEN/W8-BEN-E forms to Prohashing. They should be printed, signed, and scanned (or imaged with a phone), or, alternatively, completed online using Adobe Acrobat. Customers can then upload the forms using the buttons provided.

Prohashing is not required to perform identity verification on customers, so no identity documents are required. **Do not submit identity documents to us**, as it introduces liability for identity theft. If identity documents, like passports and drivers licenses, are uploaded, those files will be deleted and the correct form will be requested. If the signature is missing on a form, if the provided address does not exist, or other minor issues are present, the form will be deleted and a new one requested. Once received and validated, W8-BEN forms are valid indefinitely, and customers who have submitted these forms will not be mailed any forms.

While minor issues are corrected by simply requesting a new form, customers who display evidence of intentional violation of this requirement, such as submitting an image of a flower instead of a completed form, will be warned and a new form requested. If no attempt is made to provide reasonable information, or there is no response, the account will be permanently banned from using all Prohashing services and the customer will forfeit his or her entire balance because we cannot legally pay it out.

Prohashing does not file W8-BEN and W8-BEN-E forms with the IRS. We understand that this data is important to customers, so we do the minimum that is necessary to comply with the law, which is to retain the forms for the shortest time possible.

One section of the W8-BEN and W8-BEN-E forms contains questions about tax treaties. A list of US tax treaties can be found here.

As with the 1099-NEC data, the images and PDFs of these forms are archived offline to a disconnected disk daily and deleted from the server, so it is not possible for your information to be stolen through remote hacking. Because the information is not available online, the website can only display whether you have submitted the form or not. The forms remain on the disconnected disks until the statute of limitations expires, after which time the data and all its backups will be permanently destroyed. The data will never be read except to initially verify it, and after that only read if mandated by a court or audit. Otherwise, the data will not be read, used for promotional purposes, or given to any other company. If you wish to correct a prior submission, the current form will supercede the previous form when a new form is uploaded.

Terms of Service @

By using any of PROHASHING's services, you acknowledge and agree to the following rules.

What PROHASHING Is Not @

PROHASHING is a mining pool that mines cryptocurrencies and provides some auxiliary services like block explorer hosting. As a user of PROHASHING's services, you accept that our services are limited to mining.

- **PROHASHING** is not a bank. Earnings are paid as soon as they are eligible. While you may use multiple accounts, you may not create multiple accounts solely for the purpose of increasing the amount of money PROHASHING holds above the maximum payout threshold. Service will be terminated to customers who attempt to store money at PROHASHING by avoiding mandatory payouts.
- **PROHASHING** is not an exchange. Customers are paid in the coin they requested at the time mining was conducted. We do not honor requests to exchange earned coins, and we do not accept deposits.
- **PROHASHING does not provide investment advice.** Some customers have requested advice on which coins to buy in support tickets. We do not provide advice to customers on how to invest.

Age Limit 🧀

Children under 13 years of age are not permitted to use any of PROHASHING's services, including the PROHASHING Forums. Accounts created by children under 13 will be terminated immediately upon discovery. Balances in mining pool accounts owned by children under 13 will not be paid and will be permanently forfeit.

Children ages 13 thru 17 may mine with PROHASHING with parental consent and will be required to submit the necessary legal forms as detailed in the Government Regulations section of our documentation.

ACH Payouts 🛷

If you elect to receive payouts through ACH transfers, you expressly authorize PROHASHING's service provider, Dwolla, Inc. to originate credit transfers to your financial institution account. You must be at least 18 years old to receive funds. You authorize us to collect and share with Dwolla your personal information including full name, email address and financial information, and you are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of that data. Dwolla's Privacy Policy is available <a href="https://example.com/here-emails/here-emails-new-em

Liability For Balances 🛷

PROHASHING retains balances for customers as long as possible, but the pool also needs to address security. Even with an enormous amount of effort dedicated to security, it is impossible to eliminate all risk of theft. The best way to secure systems is to make sure that there is little money to steal.

PROHASHING has the option to issue balance forfeitures to customers when any of the following conditions is true:

- The customer has not mined with the pool for 90 days and has not entered a payout address to accept payouts.
- The customer has not mined with the pool for 90 days, and the balances remaining in the account are below the configured payout thresholds.
- The customer exceeded the \$600 yearly threshold that requires form submission 90 days ago and has not submitted the required paperwork.

- The customer exceeded the \$600 yearly threshold that requires form submission 90 days ago, was notified that the required paperwork was blank or had an error, and did not submit a valid correction.
- A hard fork occurred for a coin 90 or more days ago, and the customer did not provide PROHASHING with information required to issue payouts on one or both blockchains.
- A customer is owed US dollar payouts through ACH payouts, 90 days have elapsed since the payout was due, and the customer removed his/her bank account from the ACH Options section of his/her account settings.
- A customer is owed US dollar payouts through ACH payouts, 90 days have elapsed since the payout was due, and the bank through which ACH payouts have been connected by the customer blocks deposits from PROHASHING'S ACH service provider.
- A customer submitted a support ticket requesting help with a balance, PROHASHING responded with a question or request for information for the customer, and the customer didn't reply within 30 days.

Please help us to improve security and get you your money by accepting payouts as soon as possible.

Payout Times 🛷

PROHASHING issues payouts once per coin per day. When a customer becomes eligible for a payout after the daily payout has been issued, that customer will be paid in the next day's payout transaction.

Payout holds caused by delayed submission of legal paperwork and failure to agree to the latest version of the Terms of Service are two examples of cases where money will not be sent until the next day's payout time.

Terminating Service to Customers 🛷

PROHASHING may terminate services to one or all customers at any time, for any reason. If the pool ever decides to stop offering services to one or more customers, the affected customers will be notified by an in-account message and by E-Mail, if an E-Mail address is associated with the account. The affected customers will be given 30 days to enter payout addresses and legal information to claim their balances. If they do not, the balances are forfeit.

If PROHASHING ever decides to close its entire business, customers will be given 30 days to claim their balances, after which the balances will be forfeit. Customers will be notified of the closing by E-Mail, if an E-Mail address is provided. Because hosting PROHASHING is expensive, and closure would probably be driven by a lack of funds, it may not be possible in such a case to continue hosting PROHASHING's database and website online. PROHASHING will still pay owed balances but reserves the right to do so with the website offline including but not limited to paying to addresses on file and contacting customers through other means.

Use of Nicehash 🛷

Cloud mining provider has been associated with criminal activity, as referenced in the blog post and the guide.

PROHASHING customers are prohibited from renting hashing power from Nicehash and directing it at PROHASHING. PROHASHING customers may not direct their own mining rigs at Nicehash and then redirect them through Nicehash to PROHASHING.

PROHASHING reserves the right to issue a balance forfeiture for customers who direct Nicehash miners at PROHASHING. Additionally, such customers may incur civil liability for past payouts associated with Nicehash rentals. If any Nicehash mining has been associated with a customer, the burden of proof will fall upon that customer to prove which portion of his or her mining was not associated with Nicehash. In the event the customer cannot prove which portion of mining is not associated with Nicehash, (s)he will be responsible for repayment of all balances earned for the entire account after Sunday, August 1, 2021.

Legal Actions and Threats 🛷

PROHASHING is glad to assist customers in resolving payout issues. You can use any of PROHASHING's support methods to contact PROHASHING staff at any time, and we strive to respond to issues within 24 hours.

However, civil action must be handled differently than standard customer service. Statements and actions made by PROHASHING can influence the outcome of legal cases. When a customer threatens legal action, PROHASHING's employees will immediately suspend communications with that customer, and direct all further communications through the parties' attorneys. Outstanding tickets with that customer will be closed pending the

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Hard Fork And Swap Policy 🛷

Hard forks are a necessary and welcome change to coins. They allow new features to be deployed that would otherwise not be possible.

However, forks should be well-tested and limited to rare circumstances where many worthwhile features are included. Some coins place excessive workload on exchanges and pools by executing poorly planned and frequent forks. Forks also produce risk in selecting the incorrect chain. To allow us to provide great customer service to other tickets, and to discourage development teams from creating excessive numbers of forks, we do not guarantee payouts on future versions of a coin daemon's blockchain. Usually, PROHASHING will issue payouts on both blockchains, but we have the right to permanently discontinue the coin and only issue payouts on the earlier version blockchain.

Coins that swap to new blockchains place an even larger burden on exchanges and pools since they require active intervention to convert balances. While PROHASHING will usually attempt to convert user balances to new blockchains, PROHASHING cannot guarantee payouts on any swapped blockchain. If PROHASHING is not notified well before a swap deadline, then the interface to swap coins may have closed, which would make converting currency impossible. In this case, payouts will be issued on the existing blockchain.

If you are aware of an impending fork or swap, please notify us using the "Notify Us of Forks" button on the Block Explorer page.

When a coin forks, the block explorer will continue to display the old fork until someone addresses the issue over the weekend, and then the coin will be queued for reindexing. Reindexing generally requires one to two weeks, so coins that hard fork will usually require two to three weeks before the block explorer is again available for that coin. If you are a coin developer, please consider these effects and the significant workload you are placing on the community in your decision about hard fork frequency. However, notifying us about a hard fork before the fork occurs significantly reduces block explorer downtime.

Unreasonably Low Luck Miners 🛷

Some miners have unreasonably low luck.

While all miners can have streaks of poor luck in finding blocks, some mining rigs are so unlucky that the number of blocks they submit to the pool are far fewer than what would otherwise be expected. These miners exhibit characteristics that allow PROHASHING to identify them as "unreasonably low luck miners." PROHASHING accounts for the behavior of low-luck miners in its "orphan rate," as the luck differs for every coin. Historically, low-luck miners reduce earnings for all pools about 10% below what would be expected through normal mining.

It isn't clear why some mining rigs exhibit low luck, although it has been suggested in some forums that the low luck results from cloud hashing services that rent out miners from owners who use buggy software. Because cloud mining often hides the origin of the miners, the victim of low-luck mining often has no idea that the hashrate he is renting is providing less mining power than what he is paying for. Be careful to only rent miners from reputable cloud mining services and to look twice if the price seems too good to be true. PROHASHING takes one of two actions against low luck miners.

- 1. In rare cases, PROHASHING will issue balance forfeitures for earnings during the previous day. The odds of a false-positive forfeiture are estimated to be around 1 in 10,000, which means that normal miners would expect to forfeit one day's earnings in 30 years of mining, whereas low-luck miners will often find themselves forfeiting balances on consecutive days. If the low-luck detection algorithm issues a forfeiture against your account, submit a support ticket (see the page footer for more details) and we can assist in tuning your miners so that the problem is resolved quickly. No forfeitures were issued due to low luck mining in 2022.
- 2. PROHASHING may require that low-luck miners demonstrate an equal number of days of good luck to be paid. In this scenario, once low luck is detected, payouts are stopped for a day until a day of good luck is registered, after which full payments for the entire time, including the low luck period, are issued. Even if a miner is identified as having low luck, the miner will almost certainly be paid the next day, since the odds of having multiple low luck periods in a row without any intervening good luck are astronomically low. Miners who do not demonstrate a day of good luck permanently forfeit all balances 30 days after the initial hold is placed. All you need to do to avoid this forfeiture from happening is to continue mining normally, and the message will disappear, likely within a day or two.

By mining with PROHASHING, you acknowledge that there is a very small chance that your miners could be falsely identified as having low luck. You also acknowledge that, unlike balance holds due to missing payout addresses or tax information, balances frozen due to low luck are completely forfeit, rather than simply reaching end of liability, if you do not continue mining to prove good luck on a subsequent day.

It has been brought to our attention that it may be possible to modify mining rigs to intentionally exhibit low luck characteristics. Since doing so provides no benefit to the user, it is unclear why someone would take such an action. By connecting your miners to PROHASHING, you agree that you will submit all shares and blocks found during normal miner operation to the pool. Intentional failure to submit found shares or blocks constitutes theft of service, and our policy is to take legal action against such miners to recover damages.

Forum Rules 🐠

Users of the PROHASHING forums agree to abide by the following rules:

Support:

- The forums may be used to request help from the community. They are not necessarily monitored by PROHASHING staff for support requests.

 Submit a support ticket for individual support requests, such as payout issues. There are support options at the top right of the forums page, or you can go to the "About" page of the PROHASHING website.
- Customers who request support, are told to submit a support ticket, and then continue to make complaints without actually submitting a ticket will be banned and have the post or chat requesting assistance deleted.

Content:

- All content must contain original thought and contribute to the discussion.
- Posts may not consist entirely of content found verbatim elsewhere on the Internet.
- All facts posted must be accurate to the best of the poster's knowledge. Some information is trivially provable, and failure to provide proof will result in account deletion. For example, a customer who claims that his balances declined by \$1,000 yesterday can trivially prove that fact by providing his username, so failure to provide a username when asked will result in a ban.
- PROHASHING aims for a higher bar of conversation. All users must give more value to the forums than they take from others. In general, a post should add more value than it removes and if it does not, then some other post should make up for it. Examples of giving value are providing new insight into a topic or expressing a nuanced opinion. Examples of taking value are posting a question that will not cause others to learn anything through their assistance, or advertising a product. Users may be banned when their value taken far exceeds their value given. This policy implies that initial posts must provide value so that later posts that take it away do not result in an overall negative contribution.
- Any discussion of drugs or darknet markets in any context will result in a permanent ban and deletion of the posts, even if the discussion does not promote the use of drugs. We understand that this rule is extremely strict, but hopefully customers can understand that, for liability reasons, PROHASHING can have no association whatsoever with drugs.
- One-line posts with non-original content, like "Hello!" are also prohibited.

Spam:

- Advertising of services unrelated to mining is disallowed, and spam will be removed promptly.
- Links in new threads by newly registered users may only reference sites that cover two or more products or services.
- Editing a post to include irrelevant links after it was originally posted will result in an immediate and permanent ban.
- Long-term users who violate the rule will be warned, but zero-post users will be immediately and permanently banned.
- The primary language of the PROHASHING forums is English, and posts in other languages should be directed to other forums.

Conduct

- Treat other posters with decency and respect.
- Personal attacks on other users are not permitted and are grounds for warnings, post removals, and bans. In general, the moderation policy on rude behavior is stricter than you may see on other forum sites. We err on the side of inclusiveness rather than a policy of total free speech in every circumstance.
- The sale of pre-orders of miners is prohibited, since the manufacturers do not allow the transfer of pre-orders. Buy and sell other items at your own risk: we do not offer escrow services.

Bitcoin Talk and reddit 🛷

Bitcoin Talk is a discussion forum for cryptocurrencies run by Michael Marquadt (theymos.) Many pools and coins have "official threads" on the forum, where features are announced and support is available. reddit is a social media outlet that links to external sites and allows readers to comment on posts. Some companies provide support or answer questions on reddit.

Marquadt, in addition to owning Bitcoin Talk, is also the moderator of many of the most popular "subreddits" (boards separated by topic) on reddit, and other subreddits are indirectly controlled by those in his group. reddit rarely takes action against the moderators of subreddits and does not claim responsibility for their content. As a result, Marquadt and the Bitcoin Core developers practice heavy censorship in their subreddits, manipulating discussion about topics like Bitcoin Cash, Bitcoin SV, the bitcoin transaction limit, and Litecoin, among other ideas. Posts on forums controlled by Marquadt and his employees are often selectively deleted, both to silence discussion and also to make it appear as if posts are replying to their grandparent comments, rather than the parents, to distort the user's views. PROHASHING's employees have been banned from Bitcoin Talk, presumably for posting comments disagreeing with Marquadt. In two cases, Marquadt or someone with whom he is associated has managed to use reddit's long list of rules to have employees banned from the site due to trivial rule violations. This is important because Core developers and others have used the inability of the company to post replies to lie about the company's views.

- PROHASHING is banned from Bitcoin Talk, all known posts there were deleted by Marquadt or us, and the company does not use Bitcoin Talk for any purpose. Any comments claiming to be ours on Bitcoin Talk are not from PROHASHING.
- Negative comments and rumors about PROHASHING in forums like Bitcoin Talk and reddit's /r/bitcoin should be corroborated at an uncensored forum. We received one report where a user who attempted to debunk a rumor had his posts deleted.
- There is no official PROHASHING "subreddit." If any exists or is created in the future, PROHASHING employees do not and will not respond to posts there.
- PROHASHING employees do not communicate to customers through private messages on Bitcoin Talk or reddit. Genuine employees will not ask for your password or offer to resolve support issues at those sites.
- As a general rule, cryptocurrency discussion on Bitcoin Talk and reddit should be viewed as untrustworthy and heavily manipulated, due to the centralized control of these forums by one person. For example, Coinbase, one of the world's largest cryptocurrency exchanges, was removed from websites controlled by Marquadt because it trades in Bitcoin Cash.
- PROHASHING posts genuine news and responds to comments about news on twitter and facebook. PROHASHING does not have an official account on reddit and Bitcoin Talk.
- PROHASHING employees do not use fastsupport.com, which is abused by fraudulent customer service agents, to resolve customer issues.
- PROHASHING employees do not resolve support issues through E-Mail and do not request data from customers by E-Mail, unless the conversation is initiated by the customer with by sending an E-Mail to help@prohashing.com. PROHASHING does not start outgoing support requests by E-Mail.
- PROHASHING employees will never place an outgoing call to any customer unless the customer called us first.
- The PROHASHING forums and Discord server are good places to ask general questions about how the site operates. They are moderated to remove fake accounts and scams.
- The only place to receive genuine customer support for specific customer issues is by submitting a support ticket to us see the page footer or the About page for how to submit one.

PROHASHING is not responsible for losses or theft to customers who obtain false support from Bitcoin Talk, reddit, or any forum.

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Error and Liabilities Policy 🛷

In order to remain ahead of the competition, PROHASHING pursues an aggressive development schedule. Unfortunately, sometimes bugs occur that affect balances. The following policy governs what happens when errors are discovered in balances.

- If you are mining correctly and the pool's software incorrectly credits you with too much money, we will pay you the estimated average earnings for the period.
- If you are mining correctly and the pool's software incorrectly credits you with too little money, you will be paid your proportion of the pool's actual earnings of the day during that period.
- If the pool goes offline, then we will pay for the time the pool is online only. This includes planned server maintenance. To prevent this situation, add a backup pool.
- If there is ever a theft or hacking that causes us to lose funds, but you were mining correctly, we will attempt to pay customers in good standing the amount they are owed, even if the pool is forced to shut down afterward due to the losses. We retain additional funds for this purpose, and this is why we mandate payouts every day, to reduce the amount available to steal. However, customers with "end of liability" balances will not be paid for those balances. In the event of a theft or hacking, PROHASHING's liability will not exceed the amount currently owed to customers.
- In the event that money stored in an exchange is hacked, lost, or stolen by the exchange's owners, PROHASHING reserves the right to prorate miner earnings to account for unrecoverable funds, as well as for attorney fees required to pursue a lawsuit against the exchange owners to recover the funds.

PROHASHING is the sole determinant of whether the pool's software has made an error, and by how much the error is. PROHASHING's decisions on balance adjustments are final.

Earnings Calculations 🐠

PROHASHING's earnings formula is complex and involves a number of factors to prevent PROHASHING from unexpected losses. Some of these factors, but not all, are described in this list:

- · The coin's difficulty
- The price of the coin at the best exchange
- The volatility of the coin's price
- The depth of the coin's markets
- · How many exchanges offer the coin
- The coins PROHASHING has on hand compared to the coins customers want to earn
- · PROHASHING's fee

Additionally, individual miners may be affected by these factors, among others:

- Internet latency
- · Connectivity drops
- Rejected shares
- Suboptimal shares

PROHASHING's estimated profitability, which is displayed on the "status" page and in the forums header, may differ from actual customer earnings due to conditions involving PROHASHING and customer miners. In the event that any value on the PROHASHING website or database differs from the amount credited to a customer, the canonical amount owed will be the amount credited to the customer's balances.

Ransomware Policy 🐠

You may not use PROHASHING's services for any purpose involved with ransomware. You may not direct PROHASHING payouts to payout addresses for the purpose of paying ransoms. Customers involved with ransomware in any way will be permanently banned from the use of all of PROHASHING's services.

PROHASHING does not respond to criminals involved in ransomware. PROHASHING will never pay a request for ransom under any circumstances. PROHASHING keeps both online and disconnected backups to prevent ransomware attacks. In the event that PROHASHING were attacked by ransomware, all backups were found to be corrupted, and no recovery plan is available without the original data, the company will pay customers the debts that can be deduced using the data that is available and then terminate its business.

How Comparison Data is Calculated 🛷

Statistics listed in the Proswitching benefits chart on the site's front page are calculated from publicly available APIs offered by PROHASHING and other services. All figures are computed for the total earnings between two midnights Eastern time ago and the most recent midnight Eastern time.

The "Proswitching vs Anchor" column is the amount of money that can be earned through Proswitching mining compared to the amount of money that could be earned by solo or PPLNS mining the anchor coin at PROHASHING. For all figures, fees and the average orphan rate that any pool could receive are included. Since PPLNS and solo mining fees are typically lower at both PROHASHING and other pools and the lower fees are considered in the calculation, the higher fees for FPPS Proswitching mining are still almost always offset by the increased profitability of coin switching.

The comparisons are affected by the price of coins throughout the day. Even if there is only one coin available for mining in an algorithm, the earned amount may be less than or greater than 100% because the value of the coins at the end of the day, when payouts are processed, differs from the value of the coins at the time of mining due to price changes.

The "Competitors vs Anchor" column is the amount of money that can be earned using the default mining configuration at PROHASHING compared to the amount of money that could be earned by mining with the highest-paying of a list of mining pools for which we currently have implemented API support. The data for competitor payouts is obtained using their publicly available API data. If multiple datasets are available, the one closest to their default mining configuration is used. If no competitor data is available for the time period, the column is left blank for the algorithms for which the data is unavailable.

Changes 🛷

PROHASHING reserves the right to periodically change these Terms of Service. PROHASHING has developed a feature that allows customers to agree to new versions of the Terms when they are changed. The versions of the Terms to which customers have agreed will be stored in PROHASHING's database.

Customers who have not agreed to the most recent version of the Terms will not be paid for money earned after the Terms were changed. Agreeing to the new version of the Terms will release all payouts at the next normal payout time.

Jurisdiction 🛷

The jurisdiction for all disputes over these terms is Centre County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the United States of America.

Use of Stock Images 🙍

Some stock images displayed on Prohashing's website were obtained from <u>Vecteezy</u> under a Free License. Under this licensing agreement Prohasing is required to provide attribution for all images used. Below is list of stock images used and the needed attributions.

- Image ID: 695422, Geometric Wave Vectors by Vecteezy
- Image ID: 2184723, Technology Background Vectors by Vecteezy
- Image ID: 5290328, Free Stock photos by Vecteezy
- Image ID: 6782574, Free Stock photos by Vecteezy
- Image ID: 4811254, Free Stock photos by Vecteezy
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- Image ID: 1103171, <u>Free Stock photos by Vecteezy</u>
- Image ID: 5390207, Free Stock photos by Vecteezy
- Image ID: 5130385, Free Stock photos by Vecteezy
- Image ID: 1415856, Free Stock photos by Vecteezy

Privacy Policy 🛷

Data Prohashing Collects 🛷

By default, no personally identifiable information is collected from Prohashing website visitors. To use specific services, Prohashing collects additional data. Data that is marked as "required" must be provided by the customer to maintain that level of service.

Туре	From Whom	Retention period	Storage location	Required?	Purpose
E-Mail addresses	All customers	Until deleted by customer	Main database		Notifications (if you enable them) New feature messages (if you check the box at registration allowing Prohashing to send news about new features) Security notifications, such as password reset requests In compliance with the CAN-SPAM ACT of 2003, if you wish to permanently and irrevocably block an E-Mail address from being used by Prohashing's services, send a message with any subject and body to unsubscribe@prohash Sending an E-Mail to that address adds the sender to a "last resort" list, which is checked before marketing and confirmation messages are sent. This blocking system is separate from the rest of Prohashing's services, and therefore you may wonder why important requested messages, like password reset messages and notifications, do not arrive.
Passport or driver's license data	Trusted miners	30 days after customer requests removal from Program	Name remains online; rest moved to offline disk after 24 hours		Identity verification AML and criminal records checks Customers may request to leave the Prohashing Trusted Mining Program and to have this data deleted by submitting a support ticket.

Туре	From Whom	Retention period	Storage location	Required?	Purpose
Name, address, and TIN	Customers earning \$600 or more in any single year	8 years after last account use	Offline disk after 24 hours	~	 Production of form 1099-NEC Storage of W8- BEN and W8- BEN-E forms
Payout data	All customers	Indefinitely	Online database and online backups	~	 Auditing Prohashing's finances Completing Prohashing's taxes Fraud detection and response
Mining history	Miners	Indefinitely	Online database and online backups	~	 Auditing Prohashing's finances Low-luck mining analysis Troubleshooting and bug detection
Website browsing history	Everyone	Indefinitely	Online database and on Google's cloud servers	~	 Analyzing Prohashing's most popular features Troubleshooting and bug detection

With the exception of the website history that is recorded by Google Analytics, Prohashing physically controls all of its customers' data on its self-hosted servers. Prohashing does not upload customer data to disks located on cloud storage sites, like Amazon or Microsoft Azure, and Prohashing's database is not hosted on cloud servers.

When Prohashing Discloses Data 🛷

Prohashing does not disclose data to third parties, except in the circumstances listed below:

Reason	Required?	Description
Legal requests	~	Prohashing complies with all laws and regulations and will disclose data when ordered to do so by a court or government agency.
Fraud investigations	✓	When an account is suspected of committing fraud against Prohashing, Prohashing will share relevant data with the police to assist in their investigation.

Reason	Required?	Description
Google Advertising Reporting Features	×	Prohashing uses Google's Advertising Reporting Features. If you have a Google account, the Advertising Reporting Features reports anonymized, aggregate demographics data like your age to Google Analytics, so that Prohashing can determine the type of person who is interested in Prohashing's services. You can opt-out of Google's data collection for Prohashing or for all sites here. Prohashing does track the username, and no other data, of customers who registered after clicking on a paid ad from another site. The username is used to determine how much money the customer earned, so that Prohashing can calculate whether the cost per conversion is higher or lower than the cost of the the ads necessary to generate that conversion.

Prohashing does not sell data to third parties for marketing or advertising. Prohashing wrote its own E-Mail marketing system, so even if you request to receive messages about new features, your data is still not provided to a third party. You will not receive promotions or sales pitches from other companies. We do not display or sell ads on Prohashing's website.

Accuracy of Provided Data 🛷

Customers are solely responsible for providing accurate data to Prohashing. Prohashing's responsibility for legal compliance is to send information to the names and addresses provided by customers.

If Prohashing discovers that false data has been provided, Prohashing may withhold earnings, close the customer's account, and/or report the false data to authorities, if required.

Customers may not associate an E-Mail address owned by someone else with their Prohashing accounts.

If a customer provides inaccurate data and faces government consequences, Prohashing is not liable for any action taken against that customer.

Cookies 🛷

When customers log into Prohashing, cookies are used to store session data. Customers consent to the use of cookies when they login to any of Prohashing's services. Prohashing does not use cookies for "remarketing" or to track customers on other websites.

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Have a Question?

Feel free to submit details using our website chat, and we'll get back in touch soon!

No PROHASHING Account?

Send us an email at help@prohashing.com or call us at (888) 901-HASH.

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Exhibit G

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED BRANDS AND MARKETING INTERNATIONAL S.ÀR.L, Plaintiff,

Case No. 2:25-cv-03046-GAW

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Hon. Gail A. Weilheimer

PROHASHING, LLC, **Defendant.**

DECLARATION OF [FULL LEGAL NAME OF DECLARANT] (Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746)

- I, Vance Vu, hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the following is true and correct:
 - 1. I am over the age of eighteen and am competent to make this declaration. The facts set forth herein are based on my direct, personal knowledge.
 - I was employed by PROHASHING, LLC ("PROHASHING") from April 2018 to November 2022, when I held the position of Software Engineer.
 - 3. In my capacity as Software Engineer, my responsibilities included, but were not limited to, the general development, maintenance, and testing of the technical components of PROHASHING, including the website, mining, and trading services.
 - 4. Throughout the entire course of my employment with PROHASHING, I was never directed to, and I never did, create, process, or file a Power of Attorney for United Brands and Marketing International S.à r.l. ("UBMI") or any other customer.

5. To my knowledge, PROHASHING did not have a standard business procedure or

protocol for accepting or processing Powers of Attorney from its customers. I am not

aware of any such document ever being requested by or provided to PROHASHING

by any customer at any time.

6. I have never seen, reviewed, drafted, signed, received, or been a party to any

document identified to me as a Power of Attorney granted by UBMI or any other

customer.

7. Prior to the initiation of this litigation, I never heard any discussion by any employee,

manager, or owner of PROHASHING concerning the existence or execution of a

Power of Attorney granted by UBMI or any other customer.

8. Prior to the initiation of this litigation, I had never heard of UBMI and had no contact

with the company or any of its representatives in any capacity.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the

foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 5, 2025

Vance Vu

Vance Vu, Declarant

Exhibit H

Re: Genesis LOC update

From: AA UCC <aaucc@proton.me>

To: steve@shoemakervillage.org <steve@shoemakervillage.org>

Date: Mon, 19 May 2025 20:58:51 +0000

Message-ID:

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Hi Steve,
Great news! The LOC complaints have finally been filed and made public. You can find
both complaints, as well as summaries and a press release, on our web page at
www.genesisloc.com
Best,
Amelia
On Saturday, May 17th, 2025 at 3:08 PM, AA UCC wrote:
> Hi Steve,
> Thanks so much for sharing your complaint. Our complaint is still under seal until
the court decides how much may have to be redacted (hopefully nothing).
> The LOC will post it online as soon as the judge allows it on our new web page at:
genesisloc.com
> Please let me know what you think about our web page and if there is anything that
could be more clear about the LOC and its role.
> Would also appreciate it if you could follow us on X:
> @TheGenesisLOC
> Personally, I've been following you on X and cheering you on for a long time.
> Wishing you all the best,
> Amelia
> On Sat, May 17, 2025 at 2:56 PM, Stephen Sokolowski wrote:
>> Hi Amelia,
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>> Thanks for keeping me updated! I wish you luck!
>> I've attached our amended complaint along with all of its evidence, which might
assist you in your efforts.
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>> We have a deadline coming up and I was hoping that you might consider also
sharing your complaint with me. The allegations may be important for our response
brief.
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>> Thanks!
>> On 5/17/2025 3:16 AM, AA UCC wrote:
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>>> Hi Steve,
>>> This is Amelia from the Genesis LOC. Just wanted to share this update with you
regarding our litigation on behalf of Genesis creditors:
>>> https://x.com/TheGenesisLOC/status/1922661157812293997
>>> Best,
>>> Amelia
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>>> On Saturday, December 7th, 2024 at 12:44 AM, AA UCC [](mailto:aaucc@proton.me)
wrote:
>>>> Hi Steve,
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>>>> It was a pleasure speaking with you today. Please find a link below to the Plan
Disclosure Statement I mentioned during our call.
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https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/genesis/Home-DownloadPDF?id1=MjYwNTc5OQ==&id2=-1
>>> Please let me know if you have any trouble accessing it. The section discussing
colorable claims for litigation and the investigations performed by the Debtor and
the UCC starts on page 51 of 306.
>>>> Take care,
>>>> Amelia
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Exhibit I

Re: complaint finally unredacted

From: Stephen Sokolowski <steve@shoemakervillage.org>

To: AA UCC <aaucc@proton.me> **Date:** Wed, 25 Jun 2025 15:10:30 -0400

Message-ID:

Hi Amelia,

Thanks - I already read it. One thing that stands out to me is the argument about the defendants receiving a "windfall" if they were permitted to keep the bitcoins at the bankruptcy valuation. Those specific words seem to be pulled from our complaint, so it looks we must have influenced the estate's lawyers.

-Steve Sokolowski

On 6/24/2025 7:32 PM, AA UCC wrote:

- > Hi Steve,
- > Hope this message finds you well. Just wanted to share the good news
- > with you that the LOC's complaint in Delaware Chancery Court was
- > finally fully unredacted. Here's a link to it on our webpage:
- > https://www.genesisloc.com/s/Dkt-1-Verified-Complaint.pdf
- > Take care,
- > Amelia

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Exhibit J

tweet

From: AA UCC <aaucc@proton.me>

To: steve@shoemakervillage.org <steve@shoemakervillage.org>

Date: Thu, 22 May 2025 18:49:55 +0000

Message-ID:

Hi Steve,

I just noticed your latest tweet mentions my name. Would you please remove it and refer to the organization as the "Genesis LOC" instead? Thanks, Amelia

Exhibit K

Plan Disclosure Statement

From: AA UCC <aaucc@proton.me>

To: steve@shoemakervillage.org <steve@shoemakervillage.org>

Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2024 20:44:30 +0000

Message-ID:

Hi Steve,

It was a pleasure speaking with you today. Please find a link below to the Plan Disclosure Statement I mentioned during our call.

https://restructuring.ra.kroll.com/genesis/Home-DownloadPDF?id1=MjYwNTc5OQ==&id2=-1

Please let me know if you have any trouble accessing it. The section discussing colorable claims for litigation and the investigations performed by the Debtor and the UCC starts on page 51 of 306.

Take care, Amelia