

**HODLNAUT PTE. LTD.
(IN LIQUIDATION)
(REG. NO. 201911850K)**

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52nd Circular (Liquidation)

**HODLNAUT PTE. LTD. (IN LIQUIDATION) (THE “COMPANY” OR “HODLNAUT”)
HC/OC 596/2023 (“OC 596”)
UPDATE ON OC 596**

Dear Sir / Madam,

We refer to the subject matter. We also refer to the Sixth Circular (Liquidation) dated 8 January 2024 and the Tenth Circular (Liquidation) dated 26 March 2024.

OC 596

As mentioned in the Sixth Circular (Liquidation) and Tenth Circular (Liquidation), the dispute in OC 596 relates to the approximately US\$13m of cryptocurrencies (the “**US\$13m Crypto**”) transferred by Samtrade Custodian Limited (In Liquidation) (“**Samtrade**”) to its account with Hodlnaut (the “**Account**”) after this Account had been seized pursuant to a freezing order by the Singapore Police Force (“**SPF**”) dated 29 December 2021 (the “**Freezing Order**”).

Subsequent to the Freezing Order, Hodlnaut had also been served with an order dated 14 July 2022 ordering it to transfer the balance in the Account to a cryptocurrency wallet controlled by the SPF (“**SPF Wallet**”) (the “**Transfer Order**”). Pursuant to the Transfer Order, Hodlnaut transferred a total of USDC 6,349,692.342034 and USDT 3,905,419.201323 into the SPF Wallet on 14 July 2022 (the “**US\$10.2m Crypto**”). Following a disposal inquiry, the court lifted the seizure on the account and ordered that the US\$10.2m Crypto be delivered to the liquidators of Samtrade without making any determination on the issue of who owned the US\$10.2m Crypto. In or around January 2024, pursuant to an agreement between Hodlnaut and Samtrade, Samtrade converted the US\$10.2m Crypto into fiat (US\$10,224,003.27) (the “**US\$10.2m Fiat**”).

Hodlnaut’s claim in OC 596 is for the US\$10.2m Fiat on the basis that it is the owner of the US\$10.2m Crypto. Samtrade, in its Defence and Counterclaim, takes the position that it is the owner of the US\$13m Crypto. It therefore denies Hodlnaut’s claim and counterclaims for the balance of the US\$13m Crypto that was not transferred to the SPF Wallet, which amounts to cryptocurrencies valued at approximately US\$3m (the “**US\$3m Crypto**”).

A copy of both parties’ pleadings can be downloaded at the following link:

- [Statement of Claim dated 8 September 2023 filed by Hodlnaut](#)
- [Defence and Counterclaim dated 28 March 2024 filed by Samtrade](#)
- [Defence to Counterclaim dated 29 April 2024 filed by Hodlnaut](#)

Discussions and mandate from COI

The parties agreed to mediate their dispute in OC 596. Accordingly, following the formation of Hodlnaut’s committee of inspection (the “**COI**”), the Liquidators engaged with the COI (excluding Samtrade and its affiliated company) to consider the merits of a potential settlement of OC 596, bearing in mind the merits

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of the parties' cases and the fact that a settlement would eliminate litigation risk and the time and costs (including legal fees) of prosecuting the claim and defending the counterclaim in OC 596. Another relevant consideration was the fact that even if Hodlnaut were to succeed in OC 596, while Hodlnaut would have been declared to be the owner of the US\$13m Crypto, it would still have owed Samtrade a debt to repay the US\$13m Crypto such that Samtrade would be entitled to file a proof of debt for approximately US\$13m in Hodlnaut's liquidation. Further, as a major creditor of Hodlnaut (even apart from its US\$13m claim), Samtrade would ultimately likely be entitled to a significant proportion of any assets owned by Hodlnaut when distributions are made to Hodlnaut's creditors.

These factors were discussed with the COI, and the COI granted the Liquidators a mandate to settle OC 596 on specific terms (the "**COI Mandate**").

Mediation and Settlement

On 12 February 2026, the Liquidators attended a mediation session with the liquidators of Samtrade (together with their respective legal representatives) before Senior Judge Lee Seiu Kin.

At the mediation, the parties managed to reach an agreement to settle the dispute in OC 596 which was within the COI Mandate. However, as Samtrade does not have a committee of inspection, it requires court approval to settle OC 596. The settlement is therefore subject to Samtrade being granted the necessary court approval, and we understand that Samtrade will be making the necessary application to court for approval.

The key terms of the settlement are as follows:

1. **Samtrade will receive approximately US\$8.4 million of the US\$10.2m Fiat which it is currently holding.**
2. **Hodlnaut will receive US\$1.8 million of the US\$10.2m Fiat, and will also retain the US\$3m Crypto that was not transferred to the SPF Wallet.**
3. **Samtrade agrees that the entirety of its US\$13m claim in OC 596 is fully settled, and further waives any entitlement of claim or file a proof of debt in respect of any part of this claim.**

As Samtrade currently holds the US\$10.2m Fiat, it will retain approximately US\$8.4 million and make a payment of US\$1.8 million to Hodlnaut for the purposes of the agreed settlement **within seven days of Samtrade obtaining the necessary court approval**. For completeness, the parties also agreed that Samtrade is entitled to any interest which has accrued on the US\$10.2m Fiat while it was held by the liquidators of Samtrade and correspondingly, any interest that may have accrued in respect of the US\$3m Crypto while it remained in Hodlnaut's possession would belong to Hodlnaut.

Under the settlement, the parties also agreed to take steps to discontinue their respective claims and counterclaims in OC 596 with no orders as to costs **within seven days of Hodlnaut receiving payment of the US\$1.8 million**.

Mediation and Settlement

The Liquidators will provide another update on the status of OC 596, including but not limited to the payment of the settlement sum by Samtrade to Hodlnaut, in due course.

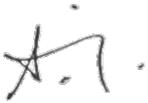
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If you have any queries in relation to the above, please email us at hodlnaut@sg.ey.com.

Please note that the documents accessible by the link above are password-protected. All known interested parties of the Company will be receiving the passwords through the email addresses in the Company's records. Any such party of the Company who has not been sent the password or who has difficulty accessing the documents may email the Liquidators at hodlnaut@sg.ey.com for assistance.

For avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall be construed as an admission by the Liquidators and/or the Company of any outstanding sums which may be due and owing by the Company to you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Ee', with a small dot above the 'i'.

Angela Ee
Liquidator
For and on behalf of
Hodlnaut Pte. Ltd.
(In Liquidation)