



Hut 8 Provides Update on Business Combination with USBTC: Obtains Final Order for Plan of Arrangement from the Supreme Court of British Columbia

TORONTO, Sept. 18, 2023 /CNW/ - Hut 8 Mining Corp. (Nasdaq: HUT) (TSX: HUT) ("**Hut 8**" or the "**Company**") one of North America's largest, innovation-focused digital asset mining pioneers and high performance computing infrastructure providers, is pleased to announce that, in connection with its previously announced business combination (the "**Transaction**") with U.S. Data Mining Group, Inc. dba US Bitcoin Corp ("**USBTC**") to be effected by way of a court-approved plan of arrangement (the "**Arrangement**") under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), the Supreme Court of British Columbia has issued a final order approving the Arrangement.

Pursuant to the Transaction, Hut 8 and USBTC will combine in an all-stock merger of equals and the combined company will be named Hut 8 Corp. ("**New Hut**") and be a U.S.-domiciled entity. Closing of the Transaction remains subject to certain conditions, including USBTC's registration statement becoming effective, the approval of USBTC's stockholders, and other closing conditions customary in transactions of this nature. If all necessary conditions to the completion of the Transaction are satisfied or waived, it is expected that the Transaction will be completed during the fourth quarter of 2023. New Hut intends to list its shares on Nasdaq and the TSX under the trading symbol "HUT" following the completion of the Transaction, subject to the approval of Nasdaq and the TSX.

The Company reminds registered shareholders to promptly deliver a duly completed and signed letter of transmittal ("**Letter of Transmittal**") to Computershare Investor Services Inc., in order to receive their shares of New Hut common stock upon closing of the Transaction.

A copy of the Letter of Transmittal, including instructions on its completion, and the Company's management information circular dated August 11, 2023, which contains further information on the Transaction, can each be found on the Company's website at www.hut8.com, and on the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.com or on EDGAR at www.sec.gov.

About Hut 8

Through innovation, imagination, and passion, Hut 8's seasoned executive team is bullish on building and operating computing infrastructure that powers Bitcoin mining, traditional data centres, and emerging technologies like AI and machine learning. Hut 8's infrastructure portfolio includes seven sites: five high performance computing data centres across British Columbia and Ontario that offer cloud, co-location, managed services, AI, machine learning, and VFX rendering computing solutions, and two Bitcoin mining sites located in Southern Alberta. Long-distinguished for its unique treasury strategy, Hut 8 has one of the highest inventories of self-mined Bitcoin of any publicly-traded company globally. For more information, visit www.hut8.com and follow us on X (formerly known as Twitter) at @Hut8Mining.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This press release includes "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Canadian securities laws and United States securities laws, respectively (collectively, "forward-looking information"). All information, other than statements of historical facts, included in this press release that address activities, events or developments that the Company expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future, including such things as future business strategy, competitive strengths, goals, expansion and growth of the Company's businesses, operations, plans and other such matters is forward-looking information. Forward-looking information is often identified by the words "may", "would", "could", "should", "will", "intend", "plan", "anticipate", "allow", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "predict", "can", "might", "potential", "predict", "is designed to", "likely" or similar expressions. In addition, any statements in this press release that refer to expectations, projections or other characterizations of future events or circumstances contain forward-looking information and include, among others, statements with respect to the expected outcomes of the Transaction, the ability of Hut 8 and USBTC to complete the Transaction on the terms described herein, or at all, including, receipt of required regulatory approvals, USBTC stockholder approvals, stock exchange approvals and satisfaction of other closing conditions.

Statements containing forward-looking information are not historical facts, but instead represent management's expectations, estimates and projections regarding future events based on certain material factors and assumptions at the time the statement was made. While considered reasonable by Hut 8 as of the date of this press release, such statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information, including but not limited to, security and cybersecurity threats and hacks, malicious actors or botnet obtaining control of processing power on the Bitcoin network, further development and acceptance of the Bitcoin network, changes to Bitcoin mining difficulty, loss or destruction of private keys, increases in fees for recording transactions in the Blockchain, erroneous transactions, reliance on a limited number of key employees, reliance on third party mining pool service providers, regulatory changes, classification and tax changes, momentum pricing risk, fraud and failure related to digital asset exchanges, difficulty in obtaining banking services and financing, difficulty in obtaining insurance, permits and licenses, internet and power disruptions, geopolitical events, uncertainty in the development of cryptographic and algorithmic protocols, uncertainty about the acceptance or widespread use of digital assets, failure to anticipate technology innovations, the COVID19 pandemic, climate change, currency risk, lending risk and recovery of potential losses, litigation risk, business integration risk, changes in market demand, changes in network and infrastructure, system interruption, changes in leasing arrangements, failure to achieve intended benefits of power purchase agreements, potential for interrupted delivery, or suspension of the delivery, of energy to the Company's mining sites, and other risks related to the digital asset and data centre business. For a complete list of the factors that could affect the Company, please see the "Risk Factors" section of the Company's Annual Information Form dated March 9, 2023, and Hut 8's other continuous disclosure documents which are available on the Company's profile on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval at www.sedar.com and on the EDGAR section of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

Additional Information about the Transaction and Where to Find It

In connection with the Transaction of Hut 8 and USBTC, that, if completed, would result in Hut 8 Corp. ("New Hut") becoming a new public company, New Hut has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 (the "Form S-4") with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). USBTC and Hut 8 urge investors, shareholders, and other interested persons to read the Form S-4, including any amendments thereto, the Hut meeting circular, as well as other documents to be filed with the SEC and documents to be filed with Canadian securities regulatory authorities in connection with the Transaction, as these materials will contain important information about USBTC, Hut 8, New Hut and the Transaction. New Hut also has, and will, file other documents regarding the Transaction with the SEC. This press release is not a substitute for the Form S-4 or any other documents that may be sent to Hut's shareholders or USBTC's stockholders in connection with the Transaction. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Form S-4 and all other relevant documents filed or that will be filed with the SEC by New Hut through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov or by contacting the investor relations department of Hut 8 at info@hut8.io and of USBTC at info@usbitcoin.com.

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