

## Blockchain technology leader Bitfury completes planned transfer of Hut 8 shares

Proceeds to be used for accelerated R&D to the benefit of Hut 8 and the growing Bitfury ecosystem globally

AMSTERDAM and TORONTO, February 16, 2021 – Bitfury Holding BV announced today the company sold 8,477,687 common shares of Hut 8 Mining Corp. (TSX-V: HUT). The company also filed on February 12, 2021 an intention to transfer, via secondary, an additional 8,500,000 common shares of Hut 8. Bitfury intends to use the proceeds from such sales for accelerated R&D, specifically around its next-generation ASICs chip development, which will positively influence Bitfury's growing global ecosystems of customers and partners, inclusive of Hut 8. The proceeds will also be leveraged for bolstering Bitfury's capital structure.

"Since the incorporation of Hut 8, Bitfury has been a shareholder and key technology and service partner for Hut 8's data centers," shares <u>Valery Vavilov</u>, founder and CEO of Bitfury. "Throughout this time, Hut 8 has continued to show growth and sustainable business practices, steadily building toward an independent and strong infrastructure despite challenging market conditions. Under CEO Jaime Leverton and her leadership, we have seen this momentum increase significantly and are confident this will continue as we move forward and continue to grow our partnership."

Since its inception in 2009, The Bitfury Group has been a leading full-service blockchain technology company and one of the largest private infrastructure providers in the blockchain ecosystem. The world's leading provider of large-scale digital asset infrastructure solutions with headquarters in Amsterdam and operations in the UK, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, Norway, Georgia and Kazakhstan, Bitfury has designed seven generations of its own specialized micro-chips and has deployed and operates several data centers for customers and its own operations in six countries. The World Economic Forum Recognized Bitfury as "Technology Pioneer" in 2019. Forbes included Bitfury into its prestigious FinTech 50 lists in 2018 and 2019 and into the Forbes Blockchain 50 list in 2019 and 2020.

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