MIT Senior Lecturer on Bitcoin and Blockchain and Former Senior White House Official Brian Forde Joins The Bitfury Group Advisory Board

The Bitfury Group Expands Diverse Board with Addition of Digital Currency and Public Policy Expert

WASHINGTON, D.C. – November 23, 2016 – The Bitfury Group, the world's leading full-service blockchain technology company, announced today that it has added highly regarded bitcoin and blockchain expert Brian Forde to its Advisory Board.

Forde has more than a decade of experience in leveraging technology for social good in government, business and academia. Forde is the Senior Lecturer on Bitcoin and Blockchain at the MIT Sloan School of Management and was the founding Director of Digital Currency at the MIT Media Lab, where he collaborated with graduate students, governments, nonprofits and leading technology experts from around the world to research digital currencies. Prior to his work at the MIT Media Lab, Forde was the Senior Advisor for Mobile and Data Innovation at the White House, where he led efforts to utilize emerging technologies to address pressing national security concerns. During his time at the White House, Forde led the White House Innovation for Disaster Response and Recovery Initiative in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, one of many successful initiatives dedicated to improving lives through technology. In recognition of his work, Brian was named one of the "Most Influential People in Bitcoin and Blockchain" and a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.

"We are thrilled to welcome Brian and his diverse range of experience to our Advisory Board," said Val Vavilov, CEO of The Bitfury Group. "Brian has dedicated his career to improving our world and harnessing emerging technologies to creatively solve problems. He has an obvious and deep commitment to advancing blockchain on a global scale, and he is uniquely equipped to advise The Bitfury Group as we continue to develop blockchain solutions for social good and global prosperity."

"I am honored to join The Bitfury Group's Advisory Board," said Brian Forde. "I have followed the growth of The Bitfury Group for a number of years and I am most impressed by their tireless efforts to support the development of a growing blockchain ecosystem. I am excited to work with the Bitfury Group and their Advisory Board to advance these efforts."

About The Bitfury Group
The Bitfury Group is the leading full service Blockchain technology company and one of the largest private infrastructure providers in the Blockchain ecosystem. The Bitfury Group develops and delivers both the software and the hardware solutions necessary for businesses, governments, organizations and individuals to securely move an asset across the Blockchain. The expertise of The Bitfury Group ensures successful, easy, fast, secure and cost effective connectivity to the Blockchain. The Bitfury Group is a global team of experts in technology, business, communications, security and civil society. The Bitfury Group believes the Blockchain can and will open new doors for global economic opportunity and prosperity, and its mission is to create and advance Blockchain applications that will further promote innovation and the advancement of the peer-to peer economy.

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