

Riot Comments on Bitfarms' Adoption of Shareholder-Unfriendly Poison Pill

Poison Pill Comes Just Days After Riot Privately Urged Bitfarms to Consult with Riot and Other Large Shareholders on New Board Members and Stressed that Chairman Nicolas Bonta Must Resign to Address Corporate Governance Concerns

CASTLE ROCK, Colo., June 12, 2024 – Riot Platforms, Inc. (NASDAQ: RIOT) (“Riot”) today commented on the shareholder rights plan (the “Poison Pill”) unilaterally adopted by Bitfarms Ltd. (NASDAQ/TSX: BITF) (“Bitfarms” or the “Company”), which takes immediate effect and effectively prevents any shareholder from acquiring 15% or more of Bitfarms’ common shares without making a formal take-over bid for all of the Company’s shares. The 15% trigger is in direct conflict with established legal and governance standards, including those published by leading proxy advisory firms Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. and Glass, Lewis & Co., and is further evidence of the Bitfarms Board of Directors (the “Bitfarms Board”) disregarding good corporate governance.

Jason Les, Chief Executive Officer of Riot, stated:

“We have attempted to privately engage with the Bitfarms Board and recently sent two letters urging constructive collaboration with us around the addition of at least two new directors who are fully independent of Bitfarms and Riot. Instead of engaging with us privately and in good faith, Bitfarms has responded by implementing an off-market Poison Pill with a trigger well below the customary 20% threshold.

“This action further demonstrates the Bitfarms Board’s entrenchment and disregard for the perspectives of its shareholders, who clearly signaled their discontent less than two weeks ago when they voted out Company co-founder Emiliano Grodzki. In our most recent letter, we urged the Bitfarms Board to facilitate the resignation and removal of Chairman and interim CEO Nicolas Bonta, who has led the Bitfarms Board since 2018 and bears direct responsibility for its poor corporate governance practices, as a first step to address shareholders’ concerns.

“We will continue to push to address the serious corporate governance issues at Bitfarms and ensure that shareholders have a say on the Company’s path forward.”

About Riot Platforms, Inc.

Riot’s (NASDAQ: RIOT) vision is to be the world’s leading Bitcoin-driven infrastructure platform. Our mission is to positively impact the sectors, networks, and communities that we touch. We believe that the combination of an innovative spirit and strong community partnership allows the Company to achieve best-in-class execution and create successful outcomes.

Riot is a Bitcoin mining and digital infrastructure company focused on a vertically integrated strategy. The Company has Bitcoin mining operations in central Texas and electrical switchgear engineering and fabrication operations in Denver, Colorado.

For more information, visit www.riotplatforms.com.

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Riot cautions Riot shareholders, Bitfarms shareholders and others considering trading in Riot securities or Bitfarms securities that the proposal Riot has made for a business combination transaction with Bitfarms is non-binding, does not constitute and should not be construed as an offer or intention to make an offer directly to Bitfarms shareholders, and there can be no assurance that any definitive offer will be made by Riot, that Bitfarms will accept any offer made by Riot, that any agreement will be entered into by Riot and Bitfarms or that the proposal or any other transaction will be approved or consummated. Riot does not undertake any obligation to provide any updates with respect to the proposed transaction, except as required by applicable law.

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This communication relates to, among other things, a proposal that Riot has made for a business combination transaction with Bitfarms. In furtherance of this proposal and subject to future developments, Riot (and, if applicable, Bitfarms) may file one or more registration statements, prospectuses, management information circulars, proxy statements, proxy circulars, tender offers, takeover bid circulars or other documents with the SEC and applicable Canadian securities regulatory authorities. This communication is not a substitute for any registration statement, prospectus, management information circular, proxy statement, proxy circular, tender offer, takeover bid circular or other document (collectively, "Regulatory Filings") Riot and/or Bitfarms may file with the SEC and/or applicable Canadian securities regulatory authorities in connection with the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF RIOT AND BITFARMS ARE URGED TO READ EACH REGULATORY FILING WHEN AND IF FILED BY RIOT AND/OR BITFARMS WITH THE SEC AND/OR APPLICABLE CANADIAN SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITIES CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AS THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT RIOT, BITFARMS, THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. Any proxy circular, takeover bid circular, management information circular, prospectus or other applicable Regulatory Filing (if and when filed) will be mailed to shareholders of Bitfarms (if and when required to be mailed by applicable law). Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of Regulatory Filings (if and when available) and other documents filed by Riot with the SEC and available at www.sec.gov, and on the "Investor Relations" page of Riot's corporate website, www.Riotplatforms.com. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of any documents filed with applicable Canadian securities regulatory authorities by Riot on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca, and on the "Investor Relations" page of Riot's corporate website, www.Riotplatforms.com.

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