



## **Antitrust Division**

### **Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993 -- Blockchain Security Standards Council, Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that, on February 20, 2026, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Blockchain Security Standards Council, Inc. ("BSSC") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Mastercard, O'Fallon, MO; Coinbase, San Francisco, CA; Fireblocks, New York, NY; and Kraken, San Francisco, CA, have been added as parties to this venture.

Also, Payward, Inc., San Francisco, CA, has withdrawn as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and BSSC intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On July 9, 2024, BSSC filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the *Federal Register* pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on September 26, 2024 (89 FR 78902).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 2, 2025. A notice was published in the *Federal Register* pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on April 21, 2025 (90 FR 16703).

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