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# Riot Blockchain Submits Bidder Registration for the U.S. Marshals Auction of Bitcoin

CASTLE ROCK, Colo., Jan. 18, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Riot Blockchain, Inc. (Nasdaq: RIOT) (the "Company") today announced that it has submitted the required registration items to attempt to participate in the U.S. Marshals Service sealed bid auction of bitcoins. The required registration items included the bidder registration form and a \$200,000 deposit. The Company expects to be notified about its eligibility to participate in the auction by email prior to 5:00 PM EST on January 19, 2018.

More information on the auction may be found here:  
<https://www.usmarshals.gov/assets/2018/bitcoinauction/>

The blockchain is a decentralized and encrypted ledger that offers a secure, efficient, verifiable and permanent way of storing records and other information without the need for intermediaries. These protocols are the backbone of numerous digital currencies, including Bitcoin, Ethereum and Litecoin. Blockchain protocols have a wide range of use, including processing transactions, accounting, verification and proof of ownership across a far-reaching spectrum of applications.

## About Riot Blockchain

Riot Blockchain, Inc. is leveraging its expertise and a network of professional advisors to build and support blockchain technologies. It is establishing an Advisory Board with technical experience intending to become a leading authority and supporter of blockchain, while providing investment exposure to the rapidly growing Bitcoin and blockchain ecosystems. For more information, visit <http://www.RiotBlockchain.com/>.

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relating to the Company may be found in the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the factors described in the sections entitled "Risk Factors", copies of which may be obtained from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The parties do not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements contained in this press release.

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