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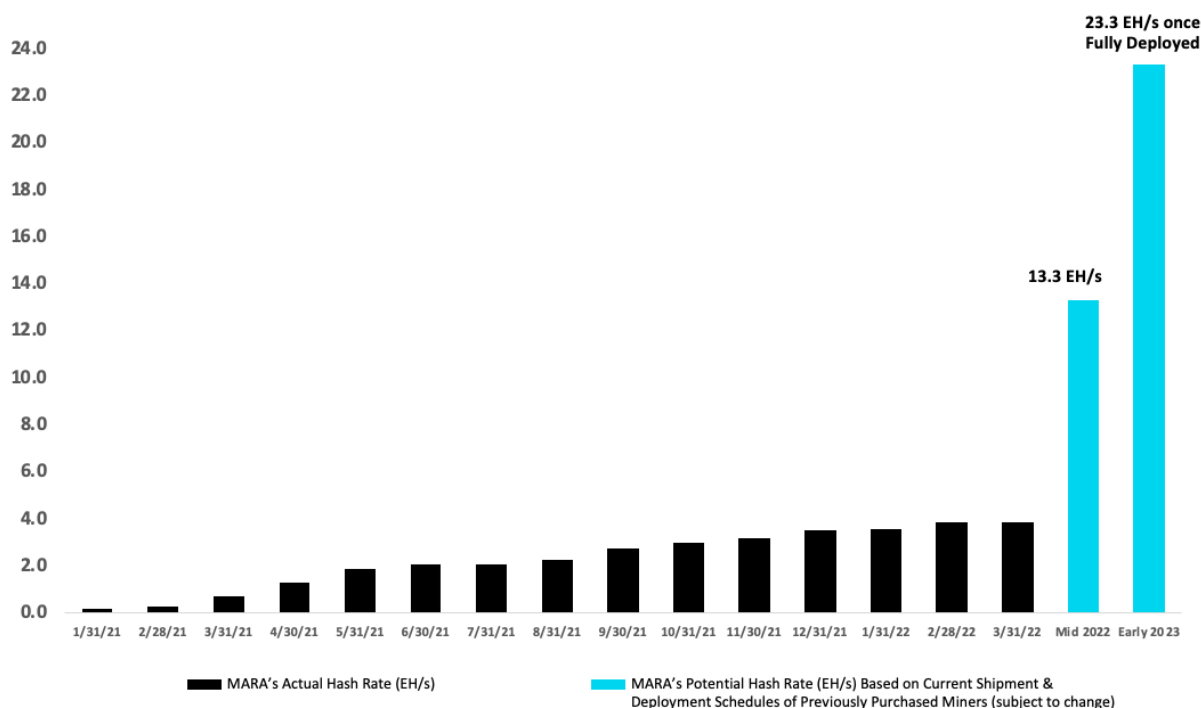


# Marathon Digital Holdings Announces Bitcoin Production and Mining Operation Updates for March 2022

- Company Produces a Record 1,259 BTC in Q1 2022, up 556% Year-Over-Year from Q1 2021 and up 15% Sequentially from Q4 2021
- Total Bitcoin Holdings Increase to 9,374 BTC
- Hash Rate Increased 14% from the Prior Quarter with Deployments Expected To Ramp in the Coming Weeks as Permitting and Approval Process is Finalized

LAS VEGAS, April 04, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Marathon Digital Holdings, Inc. \(NASDAQ:MARA\)](#) ("Marathon" or "Company"), one of the largest enterprise Bitcoin self-mining companies in North America, today published unaudited bitcoin ("BTC") production and miner installation updates for March 2022.

## Historical and Potential Hash Rate Growth Based on Current Shipment Schedules of Previously Purchased Miners (Subject to Change)



## Corporate Highlights as of April 1, 2022

- Produced a record 1,258.6 self-mined bitcoin during Q1 2022, a 556% increase from 191.8 self-mined bitcoin in Q1 2021 and a 15% sequential increase from 1,098.2 self-

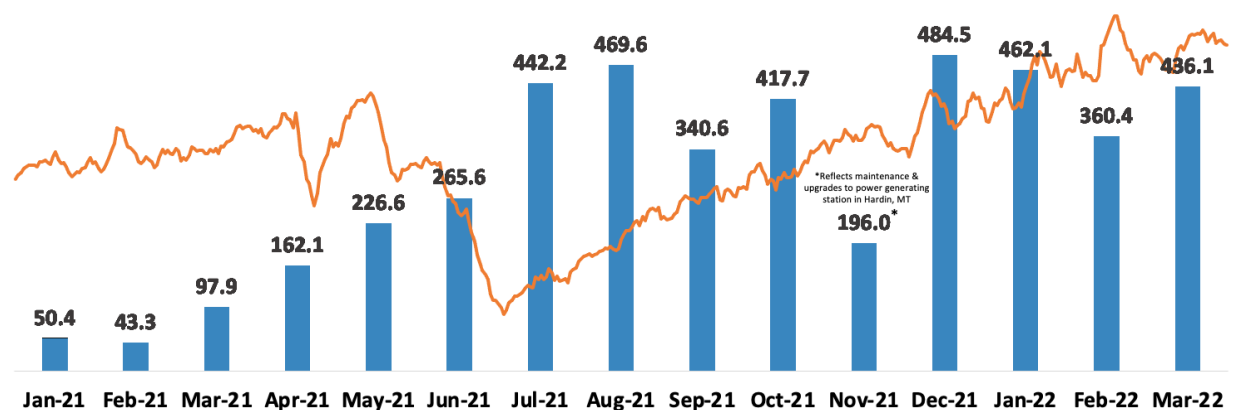
mined bitcoin in Q4 2021

- Q1 2021 bitcoin production would have increased 17% from the prior quarter to 1,281.5 BTC, holding the global hash rate constant from December 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022
- Produced 436.1 self-mined bitcoin during March 2022, a 21% increase from the 360.4 self-mined bitcoin during February 2022
- Increased total bitcoin holdings to approximately 9,373.6 BTC with a fair market value of approximately \$427.7 million
- Cash on hand was approximately \$118.5 million and total liquidity, defined as cash and bitcoin holdings, was approximately \$546.2 million
- Successfully deployed 1,320 miners in the month of March
- Increased hash rate 14% during the first quarter of 2022 from the fourth quarter 2021
- Received approximately 5,600 S19 ASIC miners from BITMAIN during the month of March
- Existing mining fleet consists of 36,830 active miners producing approximately 3.9 EH/s
- After receiving final permits and regulatory approval, miners are currently expected to be energized in the coming weeks and deployments accelerate throughout the rest of 2022
- The Company continues to expect its mining operations to be 100% carbon neutral by the end of 2022

### Bitcoin Production Update

Year-to-date, Marathon's mining fleet has produced 1,258.6 bitcoin, a 556% increase over the same time period in the prior year. By month, the Company's bitcoin production was as follows:

Total Network Hash Rate



\*Note: Upgrades and maintenance to the power generating station in Hardin, MT caused Marathon's bitcoin mining operations in Hardin, MT to operate at substantially reduced capacity in November 2021, negatively impacting the Company's bitcoin production for the month. For further information, see [the press release](#) issued on 12/03/2021.

Total Network Hash Rate Source: <https://www.blockchain.com/charts/hash-rate>

The Company last sold bitcoin on October 21, 2020, and since then, has been accumulating or "hodling" all bitcoin generated. As a result, Marathon currently holds approximately

9,373.6 BTC, including the 4,813 BTC the Company purchased in January 2021 for an average price of \$31,168 per BTC. On April 1, 2022, the fair market value of one bitcoin was approximately \$45,539, implying that the approximate fair market value of Marathon's current bitcoin holdings is approximately \$427.7 million.

### **Miner Installations and Hash Rate Growth**

Marathon's current strategy is to deploy its miners predominantly behind the meter at sustainable, non-carbon emitting power stations. In an effort to maximize the uptime of the Company's miners, a grid connection is being established at these locations for when the renewable power stations operate intermittently. Establishing this grid connection is a new process that required additional coordination and permitting from the various parties, including the grid operator. This extended approval process caused the deployments of Marathon's miners to be delayed by approximately 45 days during the first quarter of 2022. However, in March, the Company received word that full approval had been received and that initial energization is expected in the coming weeks.

Currently, deployments of containers are ongoing at an accelerated rate at Compute North's new facilities in Texas. These facilities are at multiple locations and include a 280-megawatt (MW) site in west Texas. Despite slight changes to the early deployment schedule, Marathon continues to expect all of its purchased miners to be deployed by early 2023, at which point, the Company's mining operations are expected to consist of approximately 199,000 bitcoin miners, producing approximately 23.3 EH/s. Additionally the Company continues to expect its mining operations to be 100% carbon neutral by the end of 2022.

### **Management Commentary**

"In the first quarter of 2022, we increased our bitcoin production 15% from the prior quarter and produced a record 1,259 bitcoin even as the global hash rate rose by approximately 17%," said Fred Thiel, Marathon's CEO. "Our bitcoin production would have increased 17% to 1,282 BTC if the global hash rate had remained constant from the end of Q4 2021. We continue to hold, or HODL, all of our bitcoin, and as a result, we now hold 9,374 bitcoin, strengthening our standing as one of the largest holders of bitcoin among publicly traded companies.

"At Marathon, we are constantly pushing the boundaries to propel our business and our industry forward. Not every industry operates at the same pace as we do, and sometimes innovative solutions can take time to implement. Deploying behind the meter at renewable power facilities has many benefits to our business, to the grid, and to the local community, but this pioneering approach comes with unique challenges that we have had to overcome: most notably, feeding power from the grid back into a power station at large scale.

"Typically, power flows from power stations into the grid. However, to ensure we have a consistent power supply when the renewable sources are operating intermittently, we also needed power to flow from the grid back into the power station at scale. This is a new process, and it took longer than originally anticipated for the various parties involved to coordinate and complete the permitting and approval process. As a result, the major ramp in our deployments did shift by approximately 45 days during the first quarter.

"Encouragingly, in March, we received word that our hosting provider and the power companies received permission to move forward with our full deployments in earnest. As a result, we believe these delays are now behind us. Currently, deployments of containers are

ongoing at an accelerated rate. Barring any other regulatory hurdles or unforeseen events, we expect to see new miners energized in the coming weeks and for this process to accelerate throughout the rest of the year. Despite the changes to our schedule, based on what we know today, we still believe we are on track to reach 23.3 EH/s by early next year.

“Our primary focus at Marathon remains on deploying our miners. Given our record first quarter, our ability to work alongside our partners to overcome obstacles, and the positive news we recently received regarding deployments, we remain confident in our ability to continue to execute on our strategy of scaling Marathon into one of the largest, most agile, and most sustainably operated Bitcoin miners in North America.”

### **Investor Notice**

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risks, uncertainties and forward-looking statements described under "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. If any of these risks were to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations would likely suffer. In that event, the value of our securities could decline, and you could lose part or all of your investment. The risks and uncertainties we describe are not the only ones facing us. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations. In addition, our past financial performance may not be a reliable indicator of future performance, and historical trends should not be used to anticipate results in the future. Future changes in the network-wide mining difficulty rate or Bitcoin hash rate may also materially affect the future performance of Marathon's production of Bitcoin. Additionally, all discussions of financial metrics assume mining difficulty rates as of March 2022. The total network's hash rate data is calculated from a third-party source, which is available here: <https://www.blockchain.com/charts/hash-rate>. Data from third-party sources has not been independently verified. See "Safe Harbor" below.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Statements made in this press release include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as “may,” “will,” “plan,” “should,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “continue,” or comparable terminology. Such forward-looking statements are inherently subject to certain risks, trends and uncertainties, many of which the Company cannot predict with accuracy and some of which the Company might not even anticipate and involve factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or suggested. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements and are advised to consider the factors listed above together with the additional factors under the heading “Risk Factors” in the Company's Annual Reports on Form 10-K, as may be supplemented or amended by the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. The Company assumes no obligation to update or supplement forward-looking statements that become untrue because of subsequent events, new information or otherwise.

### **About Marathon Digital Holdings**

Marathon is a digital asset technology company that mines cryptocurrencies with a focus on the blockchain ecosystem and the generation of digital assets.

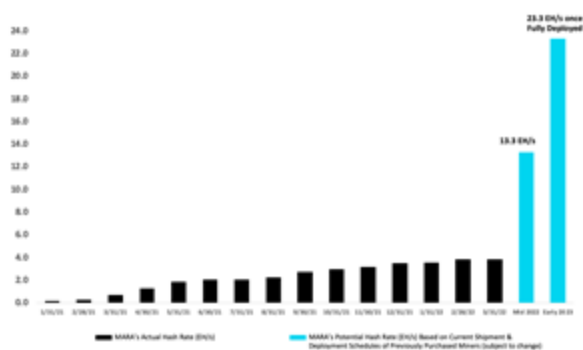
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Figure 1



## Historical and Potential Hash Rate Growth Based on Current Shipment Schedules of Previously Purchased Miners (Subject to Change)

Figure 2



## Total Network Hash Rate

Source: Marathon Digital Holdings, Inc.