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Riot Blockchain Announces \$3 Million Bridge Financing

CASTLE ROCK, CO / ACCESSWIRE / January 30, 2019 /Riot Blockchain, Inc. (NASDAQ: RIOT) (the "Company") announces that it has elected to secure \$3 million in bridge financing with a syndicate of lenders. The bridge financing was obtained as the Company waits for further comment and effectiveness on the Company's registration statement, which was delayed due to the government shutdown.

Riot's 8,000 cryptocurrency mining operation continues to be fully deployed. As previously disclosed, the Company had successfully amended its mining lease agreement that reduces steady state costs by approximately 24%. The Company continues to progress with RiotX, its planned cryptocurrency exchange, with an eye towards being operational in 24 states in the short term as management continues to work towards the goal of having RiotX serving all 50 U.S. states.

About Riot Blockchain

Riot Blockchain is focused on building, operating, and supporting blockchain technologies. Its primary operations consist of cryptocurrency mining, targeted development of exchange and mining pool platforms, along with other investments within the sector. For more information, visit: <http://www.RiotBlockchain.com/>.

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 Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on April 17, 2018, as amended on Form 10-K/A on April 30, 2018 and June 29, 2018, and in periodic and current reports we file with the SEC. 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. See "Safe Harbor" below.

Safe Harbor

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