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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Civil Action No.						
ALEJANDRO GAVIRIA, individually, and on behalf of All Others Similarly Situated;						
Plaintiff,						
v.						
DYNAMIC LEDGER SOLUTIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation; KATHLEEN BREITMAN, an individual; ARTHUR BREITMAN, an individual; and TEZOS FOUNDATION, a Swiss corporation;						
Defendants.						

#### **CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff ALEJANDRO GAVIRIA ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated as defined herein, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby sues DYNAMIC LEDGER SOLUTIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation ("DLS"); KATHLEEN BREITMAN, an individual; ARTHUR BREITMAN, an individual; and TEZOS FOUNDATION, a Swiss corporation ("THE FOUNDATION") (DLS and THE FOUNDATION collectively referred to as "TEZOS") ("Defendants"), for damages and for equitable relief. In support thereof, Plaintiff alleges as follows:

## PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This nationwide class action is brought by Plaintiff ALEJANDRO GAVIRIA, individually and on behalf of a class of similarly situated investors (the "Class Members") who contributed more than \$232 million worth of cryptocurrency to an Initial Coin Offering (ICO) propagated by Defendants -- a contribution that, due to the rising value of the cryptocurrency invested by the Plaintiff Class, is now valued at approximately \$600 million.

2. Defendants KATHLEEN BREITMAN and ARTHUR BREITMAN have spent

years promoting interest in their effort, in their abilities to provide a groundbreaking new

blockchain technology, and in the newly-created cryptocurrency that they purported would

skyrocket in demand and value once the technology came to the open market.

3. In an attempt to evade federal securities laws and scrutiny from the investors,

Defendants have purported that the funds they raised were "donations," not investments; and that

the newly-created cryptocurrency each investor received in return for his/her/its "donation"

(Tezos coins or "Tezzies" or "XTZ") is not a security subject to federal and state securities laws

and regulations.

4. As the old saying goes: "If it walks like a duck, and it quacks like a duck, it's a duck."

5. Tezzies allegedly derive their value from the usefulness and popularity of the

TEZOS network, which was not fully developed or functional at the time Plaintiff and each Class

Member made his/her/its investment. As of the date of this filing, the TEZOS blockchain is

purportedly still being developed and, upon information and belief, might never be launched. In

other words, there never was, and may never be, a TEZOS-based coin.

6. Of course, the investors were never to play any role whatsoever in the development

or launch of the TEZOS blockchain. Rather, the investors invested in a common enterprise and

with an expectation that the increased value of their Tezzies would produce a substantial return

on their investment that would be derived solely from the efforts of others -- namely, Defendants.

7. In short, the thing for which Plaintiff and each Class Member invested his/her/its

valuable assets looks like a security, functions like a security, and fits the definition of a security.

Securities regulators look beyond the form or label someone appends to his/her/its activity and

instead consider the actual substance and purpose of the activity.

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8. Notwithstanding Defendants' attempts to avoid governmental and private

scrutiny, it is clear that the financiers were indeed profit-seeking investors in a security and that

Defendants promoted and conducted an unregistered offering of securities, not a charitable

fundraiser -- a security that has already plummeted in value over Defendants' corporate in-fighting

and public concern that the TEZOS blockchain might never be launched.

9. Defendants have already pocketed for themselves tens of millions of dollars for

their promotional efforts, and -- due to the many misrepresentations, factual omissions, and

unlawful activities engaged in by Defendants -- it appears Plaintiff and the Class cannot, and

potentially will not, see any return on their investments.

10. In describing ICOs as a "fertile ground for fraud on investors," United States

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chairman Jay Clayton recently said: "[I]nvestors

often do not appreciate that ICO insiders and management have access to immediate liquidity, as

do larger investors, who may purchase tokens at favorable prices. Trading of tokens on these

platforms is susceptible to price manipulation and other fraudulent trading practices." Mr.

Clayton went on to state: "The SEC may not yet have policy or rulemaking answers in these areas,

but we are on the lookout for ways to fight the type of opacity that can create an environment

conducive to misconduct."

11. Plaintiff and Class Members seek compensatory and equitable relief rescinding

their investments in TEZOS and restoring to them the assets and funds they were fraudulently

induced into investing.

<sup>1</sup> Jay Clayton, Governance and Transparency at the Commission and in Our Markets, Remarks at the PLI 49th Annual Institute on Securities Regulation - New York, NY (November 8, 2017),

https://www.sec.gov/news/speech/speech-clayton-2017-11-08.

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#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

#### THE PARTIES

### **Plaintiff**

12. Plaintiff ALEJANDRO GAVIRIA is an individual domiciled in Sanford, Florida and is sai jinis. On July 1, 2017, Plaintiff GAVIRIA transmitted to TEZOS 25.0799 Ether (then valued at \$6,713.64) as his initial investment in the TEZOS ICO. On July 6, 2017, Plaintiff GAVIRIA transmitted to TEZOS an additional 28 Ether (then valued at \$7,440.72) as his follow-up investment in the TEZOS ICO. Plaintiff GAVIRIA's Ether (now being held by TEZOS) are currently worth approximately \$17,347.22.

#### **Defendants**

- 13. Defendant DLS is a Delaware for-profit corporation which lists its principal place of business in San Francisco, California. DLS is currently controlled by its founders, KATHLEEN BREITMAN and ARTHUR BREITMAN. It owns all of the TEZOS-related intellectual property, including -- to the extent it even exists -- the source code of the TEZOS cryptographic ledger, logos, and trademark applications associated with the name TEZOS, domain names, and goodwill.
- 14. Defendant KATHLEEN BREITMAN is an individual domiciled in San Francisco, California and is *sui juris*.
- 15. Defendant ARTHUR BREITMAN is an individual domiciled in San Francisco, California and is *sui juris*.
- 16. At all times relevant here, KATHLEEN BREITMAN and ARTHUR BREITMAN ("THE BREITMANS") were, and still are, married to one another.

17. Defendant THE FOUNDATION is an entity allegedly based in Zug, Switzerland

that is seeking -- but has not yet been granted -- not-for-profit status. THE FOUNDATION is

allegedly managed by a three-person Board of Directors, headed by THE FOUNDATION's

President, Johann Gevers. As explained in greater detail below, it is unclear who is actually

managing THE FOUNDATION's operations; as in-fighting between THE BREITMANS and Mr.

Gevers -- and THE BREITMANS' recent attempt to usurp managerial control over THE

FOUNDATION's operations -- are ongoing and are causing widespread uncertainty as to who is

truly controlling THE FOUNDATION. The only thing that is clear is that THE BREITMANS

believe they can exert from the United States their control over TEZOS's operations and the

assets it holds, wherever in the world they may be found.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE** 

Subject Matter Jurisdiction

This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28

U.S.C. § 1332, as amended by the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, because the matter in

controversy exceeds Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), exclusive of interest and costs, and is a

class action in which some members of the Class are citizens of different states than Defendants.

See, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) and 1332(d)(2)(A). This Court also has supplemental jurisdiction over the

state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

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Personal Jurisdiction

This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because: (a) at least one 19.

Defendant is operating, present, and/or doing business within this District, and (b) Defendants'

breaches and unlawful activity occurred within this District.

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20. Defendants solicited investors in this jurisdiction, including Plaintiff

ALEJANDRO GAVIRIA, to participate in the TEZOS ICO -- reaping from those investors large

sums of money and other assets, including valuable cryptocurrency.

21. In light of the foregoing, Defendants have purposefully availed themselves of the

benefits of operating in this jurisdiction; and this Court may exercise personal jurisdiction over

Defendants.

<u>Venue</u>

22. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 in that a substantial part of the events

or omissions giving rise to the claims set forth herein occurred in this judicial district, as several

of the TEZOS investors reside in Florida.

23. In light of the foregoing, this District is a proper venue in which to adjudicate this

dispute.

24.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTS

A Brief Primer on Cryptocurrencies

Although precise definitions vary, the United States Internal Revenue Service

(IRS) has defined cryptocurrency (a/k/a "virtual currency") as a digital representation of value

that functions as a medium of exchange, a unit of account, and/or a store of value. In some

environments, it operates like a "real" currency. Virtual currency that has an equivalent value in

real currency, or that acts as a substitute for real currency, is referred to as "convertible" virtual

currency.

25. Among the most popular and widely-used cryptocurrencies are Bitcoin (BTC) and

Ether (ETH).

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26. Bitcoin, Ether, and other convertible currencies of their type rely upon

cryptography (and unique digital signatures) for security based on public and private keys and

complex mathematical algorithms. Moreover, they run on decentralized peer-to-peer networks of

computers and "miners" that operate on open-source software and do "work" to validate and

irrevocably log transactions on a permanent public distributed ledger visible to the entire network

(the "blockchain"). By functioning this way, users are able to transfer ownership between one

another without the need for a trusted, central intermediary like a government regulator.

27. Bitcoin and Ether exchangers typically accept payments of flat currency (currency

which derives its value from government regulation or law) or other convertible digital currencies.

When a user wishes to purchase Bitcoin or Ether from an exchanger, the user will typically send

payment in the form of fiat currency, often via bank wire or ACH or other convertible digital

currency, to the exchanger for the corresponding quantity of Bitcoin or Ether, based on a

fluctuating exchange rate. The exchanger, often for a commission, will then typically attempt to

broker the purchase with another user of the exchange that is trying to sell Bitcoin or Ether, or,

in some instances, will act as the seller itself. If the exchanger can place a buyer with a seller, then

the transaction can be completed.

The ICO Market

28. While in traditional Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), a start-up company offers its

investors company stock in exchange for investment capital; a company promoting an ICO offers

something different to its investors: cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin, Ether, or a newly-created

virtual currency issued or managed by the start-up company in exchange for the investors' capital,

which itself might be pre-existing cryptocurrency owned by the investors.

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29. Much like capital stock, the value of cryptocurrency can rise or fall with the success

or failure of the start-up venture.

30. Moreover, much like with traditional IPOs, the financial fortunes (or misfortunes)

of the investors whose funds are used to fuel the new venture rely upon the knowledge, skill, and

efforts of someone other than themselves -- specifically, the promotors or operators of the new

venture.

Tezos Is Born

31. According to published reports, ARTHUR BREITMAN -- in or around the

summer of 2014 -- developed the concepts underlying TEZOS's technology, though he did so by

publishing a Tezos Position Paper and a Tezos White Paper under a pseudonym ("L.M.

Goodman") for fear of violating his obligations of loyalty to his then-employer, Morgan Stanley.

32. In early-2015, ARTHUR BREITMAN -- a self-described "crypto-anarchist" --

told others that he wanted to start a business based on TEZOS, but he did not want to be publicly

associated with the effort.

33. At that time, ARTHUR BREITMAN was registered with the U.S. Financial

Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) as a financial representative working at Morgan Stanley.

34. FINRA Rule 3270 requires each registered securities professional to provide prior

written notice to his/her employer before he/she can conduct outside business activities if he/she

has a "reasonable expectation of compensation" from those activities.

35. Also in early-2015, ARTHUR BREITMAN wrote a "Tezos Business Plan" which

projected that if the company survived fifteen (15) years, it would be worth between \$2 Billion

and \$20 Billion.

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36. The business plan called for raising \$5 Million to \$10 Million over two to three

years and also included a budget that called for paying ARTHUR BREITMAN a \$212,180 salary

by the company's third year in existence.

37. In August 2015, ARTHUR BREITMAN -- while still working at Morgan Stanley

-- incorporated DLS and named himself DLS's Chief Executive Officer.

38. In violation of FINRA Rule 3270, ARTHUR BREITMAN pitched "Tezos, Inc."

in 2015.

39. However, those efforts -- and ARTHUR BREITMAN's involvement with DLS

and TEZOS -- were not disclosed to Morgan Stanley.

40. In April 2016, ARTHUR BREITMAN left Morgan Stanley without ever having

disclosed under FINRA Rule 3270 his involvement with DLS and TEZOS.

Tezos Winds Up For Its Big Pitch

41. Having failed with his initial Tezos fundraising effort, ARTHUR BREITMAN --

joined by his wife KATHLEEN BREITMAN -- started working in or about September 2016 on

a new strategy for TEZOS: conducting an online fundraiser (the "TEZOS ICO") to distribute to

whoever invested with TEZOS their money or assets newly-created digital tokens ("Tezzies" or

XTZ), whose holders would maintain the TEZOS blockchain.

42. According to the Tezos.com website, they received -- over the next six months --

\$612,000 from ten early backers, including several cryptocurrency hedge funds.

43. To conduct the ICO, ARTHUR BREITMAN and KATHLEEN BREITMAN

helped create THE FOUNDATION in Zug, Switzerland.

44. As KATHLEEN BREITMAN told Reuters in the midst of their pre-ICO

promotional efforts, she and ARTHUR BREITMAN opted to use a foundation based in Zug

because Switzerland has "a regulatory authority that had a sufficient amount of oversight but not like

anything too crazy."2

45. According to documents on the Tezos website, the plan was for THE

FOUNDATION to raise money via the ICO, then acquire DLS and all of its TEZOS-related

intellectual property, including the source code of the TEZOS cryptographic ledger, logos, and

trademark applications associated with the name TEZOS, domain names, and goodwill.

46. The website further explains that THE FOUNDATION and DLS "have

negotiated a contractual agreement in which THE FOUNDATION will acquire DLS and release

its IP under a free software license." THE FOUNDATION will "also acquire DLS's existing

business relationships with contractors and potential customers, as well as its trademark

applications and domain names."

47. One of the earliest investors in TEZOS was Silicon Valley venture capital

billionaire Tim Draper who -- through his company Draper Associates -- invested \$1.5 Million in

TEZOS, in return for which he was given a minority stake in DLS.

48. Mr. Draper was solicited by KATHLEEN BREITMAN, who not only desperately

needed Mr. Draper's cash to keep the TEZOS effort moving forward but also the goodwill

attached to his name to bolster the perception of legitimacy and interest surrounding TEZOS's

efforts.

<sup>2</sup> Anna Irrera, Steve Stecklow, and Brenna Hughes Neghaiwi, *Backroom Battle Imperils \$230 Million Cryptocurrency Venture*, Reuters (October 18, 2017), <a href="https://www.reuters.com/article/bitcoin-funding-tezos/special-report-backroom-battle-imperils-230-million-cryptocurrency-venture-">https://www.reuters.com/article/bitcoin-funding-tezos/special-report-backroom-battle-imperils-230-million-cryptocurrency-venture-</a>

idUSL4N1MT531 (emphasis added).

And Here's The Pitch . . . .

49. In the months leading up to the TEZOS ICO, Defendants -- particularly

ARTHUR BREITMAN and KATHLEEN BREITMAN -- made numerous public statements

exaggerating the progress of the TEZOS network, misrepresenting the relationship between

Defendants (specifically, the relationship between DLS and THE FOUNDATION),

misrepresenting the desirability of TEZOS's technology, and misrepresenting when tangible

benefits from investments would be received.

50. ARTHUR BREITMAN and KATHLEEN BREITMAN spoke to numerous

media outlets and interested audiences in heavily promoting their efforts to raise additional interest

in investing in TEZOS.

We Have Relationships and Interest in Tezos . . . That We Don't Really Have

51. For example, to promote the TEZOS ICO and lure in a larger group of investors,

TEZOS retained a U.S.-based communications company (Strange Brew Strategies) who, TEZOS

believed, would reach a wide audience of potential investors.

52. Among the representations made by Strange Brew Strategies on TEZOS's behalf

were that TEZOS's applications had been recognized and adopted by such well-known and well-

established companies as the accounting firms Ernst & Young and Deloitte and the French

software company LexiFi.

53. Contrary to that representation, Ernst & Young has publicly denied ever having

adopted TEZOS's applications.

54. Likewise, Deloitte has publicly denied using TEZOS's technology for any of its

client projects.

55. Similarly, LexiFi has publicly denied adopting TEZOS's technology.

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#### Our Technology Is Close To Launch . . . Except It Is Not Actually Close

56. Additionally, on the TEZOS website, Defendants also exaggerated the development of the TEZOS project. For example, the following was given as one of the reasons given as the "rationale" for THE BREITMANS' compensation:

A large subset of the projects conducting fundraisers (sometimes called "ICOs") today are based on little more than a white paper and will remain in a development phase for years. Participants in those fundraisers have no idea how much of their contributions will be spent bringing those projects to fruition -- if they ever reach that point. In contrast, Tezos established a working testnet in February 2017 which can be accessed upon request to assess the state of the completion of the Tezos project. Most of the remaining development consists of performing security audits and improving the test coverage of the project so it can confidently launch as a public blockchain.

- 57. In a May 19, 2017 blog post published to stoke the embers of interest in TEZOS, ARTHUR BREITMAN wrote that the TEZOS team could reasonably launch the TEZOS network "in a three- to four-month period . . . ." Giving his worst-case projection, ARTHUR BREITMAN continued: "It's entirely within the realm of possibility that the project takes up to 6 months to ship. Based on my assessment of the remaining development . . . that does not seem likely, but it's not impossible."
- 58. In June 2017, the TEZOS website similarly proclaimed that "[t]he development team estimates that the time to completion [of the Tezos network] is around 4 months."
- 59. As of the date of this filing, the TEZOS network has still not launched; and there are no reasonably reliable signs that the network is anywhere near completion.
- 60. According to recent public statements by ARTHUR BREITMAN, the network is now not expected to be completed until February 2018 at the earliest.

Tezos to Investors: You'll Get Your Tezzies Soon . . . Or Someday . . . Or Never

61. While THE FOUNDATION was created to purchase DLS (and the TEZOS

source code that makes TEZOS functional), Defendants did not disclose to ICO investors the

terms of THE FOUNDATION's acquisition of DLS or how long that acquisition would take.

62. Upon information and belief, DLS shareholders have up to two years to exercise

a contractual option to sell their shares to THE FOUNDATION. That two-year period

commences two months after the TEZOS network launches, which presently has no set date for

its launch.

63. If the DLS shareholders do not timely exercise their option to sell their shares to

THE FOUNDATION within the allotted two-year time period, THE FOUNDATION has up

to one year thereafter to purchase DLS.

64. As noted above, it is entirely unclear at this time when the TEZOS network will

be ready to launch, if ever. According to statements made by KATHLEEN BREITMAN and

ARTHUR BREITMAN to media sources, the "current best estimate" for launch of the TEZOS

network is February 2018 -- though that is merely an estimate that can be extended further into

the future if TEZOS's computer network is "not ready" for launch at that time.

65. Therefore, TEZOS investors might be waiting for three years, or more, before

THE FOUNDATION fulfills its obligation to purchase DLS -- the action that will link the

investors' funds with the blockchain source code in which they invested and thus give value to the

Tezzies the investors purchased.

66. That time frame -- which was a highly-material fact to investors -- was not

disclosed to TEZOS ICO investors.

67. Meanwhile, contracts on the future value of Tezzies have already reportedly

plummeted by as much as seventy-five percent (75%).

68. As shown above, Defendants' statements about the progress of the TEZOS

network, the desirability of and demand for TEZOS's technology, and the time within which

investors would receive a tangible benefit for their investments were materially false and

misleading.

69. Had Defendants not materially misled investors, many investors would not have

participated in the ICO.

The Tezos ICO -- July 2017

70. After an initial delay from its planned May 2017 commencement, the TEZOS ICO

was conducted in July 2017.

71. The terms of the fundraising offer are memorialized in a document titled "Tezos

Contribution and XTZ Allocation Terms and Explanatory Notes" (the "TEZOS ICO Terms for

Investors"). A true and correct copy of the TEZOS ICO Terms for Investors is attached hereto

as Exhibit "A".

72. Upon information and belief, not all investors in the ICO saw, agreed to, or were

aware of the TEZOS ICO Terms for Investors. Many investors relied solely on information

TEZOS had disseminated through various media sources, cryptocurrency blogs, conventions at

which they spoke, and podcasts.

73. According to the TEZOS ICO Terms for Investors, investors -- upon the launch

of the fully-functional TEZOS network -- would be allocated 5,000 Tezzies for each Bitcoin

invested during the ICO. The TEZOS ICO was uncapped, meaning that there was "no limit on

the amount of contributions that [were] accepted."

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74. Moreover, to create a greater sense of urgency and heighten investor interest, the

ICO provided for "time-dependent bonus[es]." The TEZOS website described the bonuses

thusly: "From 20% at the outset, the bonuses will decrease progressively to 0% over four

additional periods (15%, 10%, 5%, and 0%) lasting 400 Bitcoin blocks [approximately two days

and eighteen hours] each."

75. The one-sided terms imposed upon Plaintiff and the Class Members in the

TEZOS ICO Terms for Investors are both unconscionable and illusory. The TEZOS ICO Terms

for Investors purport to require agreement from the investors that, despite the investors'

investments, TEZOS might not allocate to the investors any Tezzies when the TEZOS network

is created, TEZOS might not create any Tezzies at all, any Tezzies created might be useless or

valueless, and TEZOS has the right to abandon all efforts to develop and release the TEZOS

network -- all while retaining the investors' invested funds and assets. Moreover, the onerous

manner in which TEZOS imposed upon investors its Terms render the Terms unfair,

unconscionable, oppressive, and a contract of adhesion.

Notwithstanding the adhesive, oppressive, and unconscionable terms of the 76.

offering, the "fear of missing out" hyped up by TEZOS succeeded; as the vast majority of

investments occurred during the first few days of the ICO.

The TEZOS ICO was ultimately conducted over the course of two weeks in July 77.

2017 (July 1, 2017 - July 14, 2017).

When she spoke to Reuters in the month preceding the ICO, KATHLEEN 78.

BREITMAN said that when she, her husband, and the TEZOS team decided to conduct the

online fundraiser, "we were like, 'Hey, we would be lucky if we get 20 million [dollars]."

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- 79. Well beyond that target of \$20 million, the project received from investors about 65,703 Bitcoins and 361,122 Ether -- a sum valued at approximately \$232 million at the time. As of the date of this filing, that sum has increased in value to more than \$600 million.
- 80. Upon information and belief, Defendants were aware in July 2017 that third parties were re-selling access to the TEZOS ICO and future rights regarding ownership of Tezzies.

## Follow The Money . . . Right to Defendants' Pockets

81. The TEZOS crowdfunding site also contained a detailed yet deceiving chart demonstrating how funds raised would be spent, based on the amount raised, to wit:

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82. Although TEZOS raised more than 10 times beyond its wildly-optimistic \$20 Million "Mars-Shot," Defendants are not believed to have spent any money on any of the identified by TEZOS.

83. To the contrary, TEZOS has instead spent the money by paying Defendants and

the TEZOS insiders.

84. While Defendants have taken the public position that no profit was to be made or

expected from the \$232 million ICO, the TEZOS insiders have already reaped from the funds

invested huge profits for themselves -- something that would not have happened if the TEZOS

ICO were a mere charitable fundraiser.

85. According to the terms of the TEZOS ICO, eight-and-a-half percent (8.5%) of all

contributed funds were allocated in U.S. Dollars to DLS and its shareholders -- a sum payable as

soon as TEZOS functions as a blockchain (successfully or not) for at least three months. An

additional ten percent (10%) of all Tezzies issued in the genesis block would also go to TEZOS's

founders.

86. If Tezzies were merely utility tokens as Defendants have claimed, the TEZOS

insiders would have no need for such tokens. The purpose of the token is the intrinsic value for

which it will trade on the open exchanges.

87. When the TEZOS ICO was conducted, the funds raised from investors (in the

form of Bitcoin, Ether, and other sources) were valued at approximately \$232 million.; and the

8.5% flowing therefrom to DLS shareholders was approximately \$20 million.

88. With the dramatic rise in the value of Bitcoin and Ether since July 2017 (when the

TEZOS ICO was conducted), the funds raised from investors in the ICO are presently valued at

approximately \$600 million; and the 8.5% flowing to DLS shareholders is now valued at

approximately \$50 million.

89. KATHLEEN BREITMAN and ARTHUR BREITMAN (along with Tim Draper)

are believed to be the largest, if not only, shareholders in DLS.

90. Based on the large volume of shares they own in DLS, KATHLEEN BREITMAN

and ARTHUR BREITMAN are believed to have already been allocated tens of millions of dollars

in cash from the TEZOS ICO.

91. Regardless of whether the functionality underlying TEZOS's technology is a

success (thus providing value to ICO investors), TEZOS insiders -- including KATHLEEN

BREITMAN and ARTHUR BREITMAN -- will get paid their tens of millions of dollars in cash.

If the technology is a success, that payment only goes up when also factoring in the 10% bonus

being paid to TEZOS's founders.

92. As noted above, SEC Chairman Jay Clayton warns that fundraising efforts in

exchange for tokens issued for start-up or open-source projects are ripe for misconduct -- especially

because "insiders and management have access to immediate liquidity, as do larger investors."

The SEC and the DAO Report: If It Walks Like A Duck and It Quacks Like A Duck . . . .

93. While TEZOS insiders reap the financial windfall that was generated from the

ICO (and stand to garner tens of millions of dollars more when they pay themselves their 10%

bonuses), Defendants purport that no such rewards are due, or are owed, to the investors who

funded the ICO.

94. TEZOS does not like to refer to its financiers as "investors"; rather, TEZOS refers

to them as "donors" and the \$232 million they contributed as "non-refundable donations."

95. Notwithstanding TEZOS's formal characterization of its efforts as some sort of

charitable endeavor for which participants were given the future right to own Tezzies in exchange

for their financial support, the SEC has been studying the ICO market and declared, in July 2017,

that "the virtual coins or tokens that are offered or sold [to ICO investors] may be securities"

subject to all federal and state securities laws.

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## 96. As the SEC stated in its July 2017 report (the "DAO Report")3:

The Commission is aware that virtual organizations and associated individuals and entities increasingly are using distributed ledger technology to offer and sell instruments such as DAO Tokens to raise capital. These offers and sales have been referred to, among other things, as "Initial Coin Offerings" or "Token Sales." Accordingly, the Commission deems it appropriate and in the public interest to issue this Report in order to stress that the U.S. federal securities law may apply to various activities, including distributed ledger technology, depending on the particular facts and circumstances, without regard to the form of the organization or technology used to effectuate a particular offer or sale. In this Report, the Commission considers the particular facts and circumstances of the offer and sale of DAO Tokens to demonstrate the application of existing U.S. federal securities laws to this new paradigm.

#### 97. The DAO Report went on to state:

[Federal securities registration] requirements apply to those who offer and sell securities in the United States, regardless whether the issuing entity is a traditional company or a decentralized autonomous organization, regardless whether those securities are purchased using U.S. dollars or virtual currencies, and regardless whether they are distributed in certificated form or through distributed ledger technology. In addition, any entity or person engaging in the activities of an exchange, such as bringing together the orders for securities of multiple buyers and sellers using established nondiscretionary methods under which such orders interact with each other and buyers and sellers entering such orders agree upon the terms of the trade, must register as a national securities exchange or operate pursuant to an exemption from such registration.

98. Ultimately, the DAO Report concluded that DAO Tokens -- a newly-issued cryptocurrency created by The DAO (an unincorporated organization), German-based company Slock.it, and Slock.it's co-founders which were given to investors in The DAO's distributed ledger or blockchain-enabled means for raising capital -- are securities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.scc.gov/litigation/investreport/34-81207.pdf.

99. If TEZOS tokens are likewise deemed "securities" subject to federal and state

securities laws, they will not be allowed to be traded on U.S. exchanges because the securities were

not properly registered.

100. One of the greatest values the owner of a security has is his/her/its ability to trade

that security on the open market for an appropriate monetary value. When robbed of the ability

to trade the security, the owner is also robbed of much, if not all, of the value attached to that

security.

Pre-Network Launch Tokens Are Securities

101. By their very nature, tokens sold before a network launch are securities, because

investors purchasing those tokens are relying on the technical and managerial efforts of others to

affect the failure or success of the enterprise.

102. While pre-network launch tokens may someday have a consumptive use, the fact

that they have no pre-launch utility renders them almost entirely dependent upon the efforts of

the issuer to successfully develop and launch a functional network.

103. Here, Plaintiff and the Class were (and still are) entirely dependent upon TEZOS

to launch its network and provide some valuable use to the to-be-issued Tezzies for which Plaintiff

and the Class have already provided their investment funds.

Tezos Investors: We Made Investments on Which We Expect A Profit

104. Just as suggested by the SEC in the DAO Report, many investors in TEZOS

indeed consider themselves investors, not "donors," in TEZOS's efforts; and those investors

expect a return on their investments.

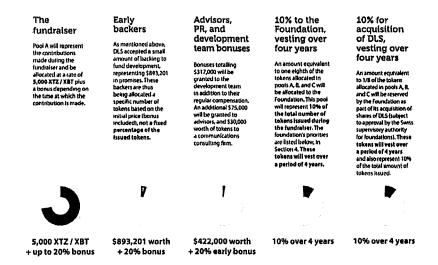
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- 105. For example, Kevin Zhou -- co-founder of the cryptocurrency trading fund Galois Capital -- told Reuters: "For me and for a lot of people, this is an investment. We are looking for a return."
- 106. Similarly, Tim Draper himself told Reuters that cryptocurrencies are commodities like pork bellies; and he characterized acquiring Tezzies as a purchase rather than a donation.
- 107. So too do Plaintiff and the Class view their financial contributions as investments that were made dependent upon Defendants' representations and efforts.
- 108. In fact, KATHLEEN BREITMAN herself has conceded to multiple media outlets that Defendants are well-aware that the Class Members view the endeavor as a speculative investment into which they are buying in return for what is expected to be a financial profit:
  - "What we're going to do is allow as many people who want to buy into the crowdsale over a two-week period."
  - Q: Crowds don't always get things right[i] and in this case[,] your crowd may be speculators. There's been a lot of speculative buying in China[,] for instance. Do you worry about who the tokenholders are and whether their incentives are aligned with Tezos?
    - A: It's tough. \*\*\* [C]ertainly there are a lot of people who are interested in the more speculative aspects. I think there's a lot of fervor and froth in the marketplace right now. That does make it a bit odd to launch something that's more community-based on some level when there's a lot of people who are just profit-seeking.<sup>5</sup>
- 109. Here, TEZOS's managers themselves have acknowledged that fact by revealing in their own pre-fundraiser "Static Paper" that several layers of pre-functional launch contributors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Gertrude Chavez-Dreyfuss, Exclusive: Billionaire investor Draper to participate in blockchain token sale for first time, Reuters (May 5, 2017), <a href="http://uk.reuters.com/article/us-tezos-blockchain-draper/exclusive-billionaire-investor-draper-to-participate-in-blockchain-token-sale-for-first-time-idUKKBN181250">http://uk.reuters.com/article/us-tezos-blockchain-draper-to-participate-in-blockchain-token-sale-for-first-time-idUKKBN181250</a> (further noting that billionaire venture capitalist Tim Draper viewed Tezos' token offering as a "non-traditional investment.") (emphasis added).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> RRE Ventures Perspectives -- Kathleen Breitman - Tezos Unleashed (July 12, 2017), https://blog.rre.com/14-kathleen-breitman-tezos-unleashed-d0921294cc91 (emphasis added).

will be paid cash and Tezzies for their contributions to the development of the technology and the promotion of the ICO:



110. While Defendants and several TEZOS insiders are already slated to be paid, Plaintiff and the Class cannot say the same.

## Infighting at Tezos Has Rendered The Entire Project in Doubt

- 111. For several months following the ICO, neither THE FOUNDATION nor DLS had provided to investors or the general public any significant status updates on when the TEZOS blockchain might launch and when everyone's funding and efforts would reach their fruition.
- 112. On or about October 18, 2017, ARTHUR BREITMAN -- individually, and on behalf of TEZOS -- published a blog post titled "The Path Forward," conceding that progress since the ICO "had fallen short of our expectations."
- 113. According to ARTHUR BREITMAN's blog post, THE FOUNDATION's President (Johann Gevers) was responsible for acts of "self-dealing, self-promotion, and conflicts of interest." ARTHUR BREITMAN called for Mr. Gevers' prompt removal and sought to

restructure the relationship between DLS and THE FOUNDATION so that KATHLEEN

BREITMAN and ARTHUR BREITMAN would be able to take a "substantial role" in managing

TEZOS's future without unnecessary interference from Mr. Gevers and/or THE

FOUNDATION. Moreover, the blog post concluded that "[o]ur current best estimate for

shipping the [Tezos] main net is now February 2018, though the firm date [sic.] remains 'when it

is ready.""

114. Mr. Gevers responded to the accusations by refusing to step down from his post

at THE FOUNDATION and by casting equally-venomous accusations back at THE

BREITMANS. He accused ARTHUR BREITMAN of "character assassination" and alleged that

THE BREITMANS were "attempting an illegal coup." Mr. Gevers further alleged that THE

BREITMANS' effort to usurp power was "unnecessarily putting the project at risk."

115. As of the date of this filing, DLS has not yet sold its shares to THE

FOUNDATION; and, amidst all of the in-fighting, TEZOS futures have plummeted by

approximately 50-75% of their value at their peak.

No Safe Harbor

116. The statutory safe-harbor provided for forward-looking statements under certain

circumstances does not apply to any of the allegedly false statements pleaded in this Complaint.

117. Many of the specific statements pleaded herein were no identified as "forward-

looking statements" when made.

118. To the extent there were any forward-looking statements, there were no

meaningful cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to

differ materially from those in the purportedly forward-looking statements.

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119. Alternatively, to the extent the statutory safe-harbor does apply to any forward-

looking statements pleaded herein, Defendants are liable for those false forward-looking

statements because at the time each of those forward-looking statements were made, the particular

speaker knew that the particular forward-looking statement was false or that the forward-looking

statement was authorized or approved by an executive officer of TEZOS, who knew those

statements were false when made.

THE TEZOS FORUM SELECTION CLAUSE, CHOICE OF LAW PROVISION, AND ANTI-CLASS-ACTION PROVISIONS ARE ALL UNENFORCEABLE

120. The terms and conditions of the ICO purport to restrict all disputes arising out of

the ICO to "the ordinary courts of Zug, Switzerland," mandate that Swiss law applies, and

preclude participation in class actions. All of these provisions are unenforceable for a variety of

reasons.6 By way of example only, Plaintiff addresses some of these bases below.

121. First, the ICO, including each and every one of its provisions, was induced by

fraud and overreaching. Defendants designed the ICO with the specific intent to evade U.S.

federal and state securities laws; and in so doing, to deprive Plaintiff and the Class of the ability to

enforce such rights in U.S. courts. To reward Defendants' attempts to evade U.S. federal and state

securities by enforcing any or all such provisions would contravene a strong public policy in favor

of enforcing such rights and laws.

122. Similarly, enforcing such provisions would deprive Plaintiff and the Class of their

day in court because of both the inconvenience and unfairness of the forum Defendants chose to

<sup>6</sup> Plaintiff does not waive his rights to argue, and specifically reserves his right to argue, that these provisions are unenforceable based on facts and legal arguments not addressed herein.

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facilitate their attempts to evade U.S. law and render themselves immune from suit. That would

also effectively serve to deprive Plaintiff and the Class of a remedy.

123. For the same reasons, the ICO and its anti-class-action provision are both

procedurally and substantively unconscionable, and therefore unenforceable. Here, Plaintiff and

the Class were fraudulently induced to participate in the ICO, based on -- as set forth herein -- the

Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions. Every aspect of the ICO and its "take-it-or-leave-

it" terms were intended to separate Plaintiff and the Class from their funds and render Defendants

effectively immune from suit by the vast majority of their investors, who Defendants knew or

should reasonable have known are U.S. residents. In fact, KATHLEEN BREITMAN herself has

publicly admitted that "[w]e didn't do much marketing outside of the U.S. Well, rather, Arthur

and I are based in the U.S., and we talk about the technology in mainstream U.S. press outlets . . . . "7

124. In short, the ICO and its contractual provisions (including, but not limited to, the

anti-class-action provision) are unreasonable and to an outrageous degree unfair to Plaintiff and

the Class.

## FACTS SPECIFIC TO INVESTOR PLAINTIFF

## Alejandro Gaviria

125. As noted above, Plaintiff ALEJANDRO GAVIRIA, on July 1, 2017, invested with

TEZOS 25.0799 ETH; and on July 6, 2017, he invested with TEZOS an additional 28 ETH. Those

53.0799 ETH (now being held by TEZOS) are currently valued at approximately \$15,660.00.

126. To make his investment, Plaintiff ALEJANDRO GAVIRIA logged onto to the

TEZOS website from his home in Sanford, Florida and followed the instructions provided.

<sup>7</sup> RRE Ventures Perspectives -- Kathleen Breitman - Texos Unleashed (July 12, 2017), https://blog.rre.com/14-kathleen-breitman-tezos-unleashed-d0921294ec91.

## **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

- 127. A class action is the proper form to bring Plaintiff's and the Class Members' claims under FRCP 23. The potential class is so large that joinder of all members would be impractical. Additionally, there are questions of law or fact common to the class, the claims or defenses of the representative parties are typical of the claims or defenses of the class, and the representative parties will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.
- 128. Plaintiff brings this nationwide class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of himself and all members of the following class and subclass:

NATIONWIDE CLASS: All TEZOS investors who, between July 1, 2017 and July 15, 2017, transferred Bitcoins, Ether, alternative cryptocurrencies, or any other form of monies or currency to TEZOS in furtherance of TEZOS' ICO. Excluded from the class are: Defendants themselves, Defendants' retail employees, Defendants' corporate officers, members of Defendants' boards of directors, Defendants' senior executives, and any and all judicial officers (and their staff) assigned to hear or adjudicate any aspect of this litigation.

The Nationwide Class asserts claims for Unregistered Offer and Sale of Securities in Violation of Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act; Fraud in the Offer and Sale of Securities in Violation of Section 17(a)(1) of the Securities Act; Fraud in the Offer and Sale of Securities in Violation of Section 17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act; Rescission of Contract; and Alter Ego Liability (see Counts I - V).

FLORIDA SUBCLASS: All Florida resident TEZOS investors who, between July 1, 2017 and July 15, 2017, transferred Bitcoins, Ether, alternative cryptocurrencies, or any other form of monies or currency to TEZOS in furtherance of TEZOS' ICO. Excluded from the class are: Defendants themselves, Defendants' retail employees, Defendants' corporate officers, members of Defendants' boards of directors, Defendants' senior executives, and any and all judicial officers (and their staff) assigned to hear or adjudicate any aspect of this litigation.

The Florida Subclass asserts claims for Unregistered Offer and Sale of Securities in Violation of Fla. Stat. §§ 517.011, et seq.;

Fraud in the Offer and Sale of Securities in Violation of Fla. Stat. \$\\$ 517.011, et seq.; and Violation of Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, Chapter 501, \$\\$ 211(1), Fla. Stat. ("FDUTPA") (see Counts VI - VIII).

129. This action satisfies all of the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including numerosity, commonality, predominance, typicality, adequacy, and superiority.

#### Numerosity

- 130. Members of the Class are so numerous and geographically dispersed that joinder of all members is impractical.
- 131. While the exact number of class members remains unknown at this time, upon information and belief, there are at least hundreds if not thousands of putative Class members.
- 132. Again, while the exact number is not known at this time, it is easily and generally ascertainable by appropriate discovery.
  - 133. It is impractical for each class member to bring suit individually.
  - 134. Plaintiff does not anticipate any difficulties in managing this action as a class action.

## Commonality and Predominance

- 135. There are many common questions of law and fact involving and affecting the parties to be represented.
- 136. When determining whether common questions predominate, courts focus on the issue of liability; and if the issue of liability is common to the class and can be determined on a class-wide basis, as in the instant matter, common questions will be held to predominate over individual questions.
  - 137. Common questions include, but are not limited to, the following:
    - (a) Whether the Tezzies offered for sale during the TEZOS ICO constitute securities under federal and state securities laws;

- (b) Whether TEZOS violated federal and state securities laws in conducting its Initial Coin Offering and in failing to register its Tezzies as securities;
- (c) Whether statements made by Defendants before and during the TEZOS ICO misrepresented material facts about the TEZOS network and the value of Tezzies;
- (d) Whether TEZOS has converted the funds belonging to Plaintiff and the Class Members;
- (e) Whether TEZOS owed duties to Plaintiff and the Class Members, what the scope of those duties were, and whether TEZOS breached those duties:
- (f) Whether TEZOS's conduct was unfair or unlawful;
- (g) Whether the terms of TEZOS's ICO Terms for Investors are unconscionable, void, or voidable;
- (h) Whether TEZOS has been unjustly enriched; and
- (i) Whether Plaintiff and the Class Members have sustained damages as a result of TEZOS's conduct.
- 138. These common questions of law or fact predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class.

#### **Typicality**

- 139. Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of the other Class Members because, *inter alia*, all members of the Class were injured through the common misconduct described above and were subject to Defendants' unfair and unlawful conduct.
- 140. Plaintiff is advancing the same claims and legal theories on behalf of himself and all members of the Class.

Adequacy of Representation

141. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Class

Members in that he has no disabling conflicts of interest that would be antagonistic to those of

the other members of the Class.

142. Plaintiff is committed to the vigorous prosecution of this action and has retained

competent counsel, experienced in complex consumer class action litigation of this nature, to

represent him.

143. Plaintiff seeks no relief that is antagonistic or adverse to the members of the Class.

144. The infringement of the rights and the damages Plaintiff has suffered are typical

of other Class members.

145. To prosecute this case, Plaintiff has chosen the law firms of Silver Miller and the

Wites Law Firm. These firms are experienced in class action litigation and have the financial and

legal resources to meet the substantial costs and legal issues associated with this type of litigation.

Superiority

146. Class action litigation is an appropriate method for fair and efficient adjudication

of the claims involved herein.

147. Class action treatment is superior to all other available methods for the fair and

efficient adjudication of the controversy alleged herein; as it will permit a large number of Class

Members to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and

without the unnecessary duplication of evidence, effort, and expense that hundreds of individual

actions would require.

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- 148. Class action treatment will permit the adjudication of relatively modest claims by certain Class Members, who could not individually afford to litigate a complex claim against a well-funded corporate defendant like TEZOS.
- 149. Further, even for those Class Members who could afford to litigate such a claim, it would still be economically impractical.
- 150. The nature of this action and the nature of laws available to Plaintiff make the use of the class action device a particularly efficient and appropriate procedure to afford relief to Plaintiff and the Class Members for the wrongs alleged because:
  - (a) Defendant would necessarily gain an unconscionable advantage if it were allowed to exploit and overwhelm the limited resources of each individual Class member with superior financial and legal resources;
  - (b) The costs of individual suits could unreasonably consume the amounts that would be recovered;
  - (c) Proof of a common course of conduct to which Plaintiff was exposed is representative of that experienced by the Class and will establish the right of each member of the Class to recover on the cause of action alleged;
  - (d) Individual actions would create a risk of inconsistent results and would be unnecessary and duplicative of this litigation;
  - (e) The Class Members are geographically dispersed all over the world, thus rendering it inconvenient and an extreme hardship to effectuate joinder of their individual claims into one lawsuit;
  - (f) There are no known Class Members who are interested in individually controlling the prosecution of separate actions; and
  - (g) The interests of justice will be well served by resolving the common disputes of potential Class Members in one forum.
- 151. Plaintiff reserves the right to modify or amend the definition of the proposed class and to modify, amend, or create proposed subclasses before the Court determines whether certification is appropriate and as the parties engage in discovery.

152. The class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient

adjudication of this controversy.

153. Because of the number and nature of common questions of fact and law, multiple

separate lawsuits would not serve the interest of judicial economy.

54. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff and the Class Members have been damaged

in an amount that will be proven at trial.

155. Plaintiff has duly performed all of his duties and obligations, and any conditions

precedent to Plaintiff bringing this action have occurred, have been performed, or else have been

excused or waived.

156. To enforce his rights, Plaintiff has retained undersigned counsel and is obligated

to pay counsel a reasonable fee for its services, for which Defendants are liable as a result of their

bad faith and otherwise.

COUNT I – UNREGISTERED OFFER AND SALE OF SECURITIES
IN VIOLATION OF SECTIONS 5(a) AND 5(c) OF THE SECURITIES ACT

Plaintiff re-alleges, and adopts by reference herein, Paragraphs 1-156 above, and further

alleges:

157. Defendants, by engaging in the conduct described above, directly or indirectly

made use of means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or

of the mails to offer to sell or to actually sell securities, or to carry or cause such securities to be

carried through the mails or in interstate commerce for the purpose of sale or for delivery after

sale.

158. Defendants are "sellers" within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 77e because they or

their agents solicited Plaintiff's and the Class Members' investments in the TEZOS ICO.

The terms of the TEZOS ICO called for an investment of cryptocurrency or fiat 159.

currency by Plaintiff and the Class Members.

The funds paid by Plaintiff and the Class Members pursuant to the TEZOS ICO 160.

were pooled by Defendants in an effort by Defendants to secure a profit for themselves and the

investors. As a result, the investors, including Plaintiff and the Class Members, shared in the risks

and benefits of the investment.

Plaintiff and the Class Members relied on, and are dependent upon, the expertise 161.

and efforts of Defendants for their investment returns.

Plaintiff and the Class Members expected that they would receive profits from 162.

their investments in Defendants' efforts.

Tezzies constitute investment contracts and are therefore subject to federal 163.

securities laws, including the registration requirements promulgated thereunder.

No registration statements have been filed with the SEC or have been in effect 164.

with respect to any of the offerings alleged herein.

By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have violated Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the

Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77e(a) and 77e(c).

As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unregistered sale of securities, 166.

Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered damages in connection with their respective

purchases of Tezzies securities in the TEZOS ICO.

Defendant KATHLEEN BREITMAN is subject to liability by virtue of her top-167.

level executive position with DLS and her undeniable influence over THE FOUNDATION,

which provided her the power to control or influence TEZOS's actions. For example,

KATHLEEN BREITMAN is an executive of DLS, is one of its only shareholders, and is

responsible for much of the company's day-to-day operations, including its operations vis-à-vis

Plaintiff and the Class Members. As a top-level executive and controlling person of TEZOS,

KATHLEEN BREITMAN knew of, or recklessly disregarded, the alleged misrepresentations

made by TEZOS in connection with the ICO.

168. Defendant KATHLEEN BREITMAN is a culpable participant in the fraudulent

scheme described herein and caused TEZOS to engage in the acts and omissions which give rise

to liability under 15 U.S.C. § 77e.

Accordingly, Defendant KATHLEEN BREITMAN is a "controlling person" of 169.

TEZOS within the meaning of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77o.

Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered damages as a result of Defendant 170.

KATHLEEN BREITMAN's violation of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77o.

Likewise, Defendant ARTHUR BREITMAN is subject to liability by virtue of his 171.

top-level executive position with DLS and his undeniable influence over THE FOUNDATION,

which provided him the power to control or influence TEZOS's actions. For example, ARTHUR

BREITMAN is an executive of DLS, is one of its only shareholders, and is responsible for much

of the company's day-to-day operations, including its operations vis-à-vis Plaintiff and the Class

Members. As a top-level executive and controlling person of TEZOS, ARTHUR BREITMAN knew

of, or recklessly disregarded, the alleged misrepresentations made by TEZOS in connection with

the ICO.

Defendant ARTHUR BREITMAN is a culpable participant in the fraudulent 172.

scheme described herein and caused TEZOS to engage in the acts and omissions which give rise

to liability under 15 U.S.C. § 77e.

173. Accordingly, Defendant ARTHUR BREITMAN is a "controlling person" of TEZOS within the meaning of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 770.

174. Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered damages as a result of Defendant ARTHUR BREITMAN's violation of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 770.

# COUNT II – FRAUD IN THE OFFER AND SALE OF SECURITIES IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 17(a)(1) OF THE SECURITIES ACT

Plaintiff re-alleges, and adopts by reference herein, Paragraphs 1-156 above, and further alleges:

175. Defendants are "sellers" within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 77l(a) because they or their agents solicited Plaintiff's and the Class Members' investments in the TEZOS ICO.

176. The terms of the TEZOS ICO called for an investment of cryptocurrency or fiat currency by Plaintiff and the Class Members.

177. Tezzies constitute investment contracts and are therefore subject to federal securities laws, including the registration requirements promulgated thereunder.

178. Defendants, in the offer and sale of Tezzies securities, by the use of the means and instruments of transportation and communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly, have employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud.

179. In the offer and sale of the Tezzies securities and as part of their scheme to defraud, Defendants made false and misleading statements of material fact and omitted to state material facts to investors and prospective investors, as more fully described above.

180. Defendants engaged in the conduct alleged herein knowingly or with reckless disregard for the truth.

181. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing, Defendants have each violated

Sections 17(a)(1) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77q(a)(1).

182. Defendant KATHLEEN BREITMAN is subject to liability by virtue of her top-

level executive position with DLS and her undeniable influence over THE FOUNDATION,

which provided her the power to control or influence TEZOS's actions. For example,

KATHLEEN BREITMAN is an executive of DLS, is one of its only shareholders, and is

responsible for much of the company's day-to-day operations, including its operations vis-à-vis

Plaintiff and the Class Members. As a top-level executive and controlling person of TEZOS,

KATHLEEN BREITMAN knew of, or recklessly disregarded, the alleged misrepresentations

made by TEZOS in connection with the ICO.

183. Defendant KATHLEEN BREITMAN is a culpable participant in the fraudulent

scheme described herein and caused TEZOS to engage in the acts and omissions which give rise

to liability under 15 U.S.C. § 77l(a).

184. Accordingly, Defendant KATHLEEN BREITMAN is a "controlling person" of

TEZOS within the meaning of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77o.

185. Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered damages as a result of Defendant

KATHLEEN BREITMAN's violation of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77o.

186. Likewise, Defendant ARTHUR BREITMAN is subject to liability by virtue of his

top-level executive position with DLS and his undeniable influence over THE FOUNDATION,

which provided him the power to control or influence TEZOS's actions. For example, ARTHUR

BREITMAN is an executive of DLS, is one of its only shareholders, and is responsible for much

of the company's day-to-day operations, including its operations vis-à-vis Plaintiff and the Class

Members. As a top-level executive and controlling person of TEZOS, ARTHUR BREITMAN

knew of, or recklessly disregarded, the alleged misrepresentations made by TEZOS in connection

with the ICO.

187. Defendant ARTHUR BREITMAN is a culpable participant in the fraudulent

scheme described herein and caused TEZOS to engage in the acts and omissions which give rise

to liability under 15 U.S.C. § 77l(a).

188. Accordingly, Defendant ARTHUR BREITMAN is a "controlling person" of

TEZOS within the meaning of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 77o.

189. Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered damages as a result of Defendant

ARTHUR BREITMAN's violation of Section 15(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 770.

COUNT III – FRAUD IN THE OFFER AND SALE OF SECURITIES
IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 17(a)(2) AND 17(a)(3) OF THE SECURITIES ACT

Plaintiff re-alleges, and adopts by reference herein, Paragraphs 1-156 above, and further

alleges:

190. In the offer and sale of the Tezzies securities, Defendants -- by use of means or

instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails --

directly or indirectly: (a) obtained money or property by means of untrue statements of material

facts or omitted to state material facts necessary to make not misleading the statements made, in

light of the circumstances under which they were made; or (b) engaged in transactions, practices,

or courses of business that operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchasers of

the Tezzies.

191. Defendants acted at least negligently with respect to the facts and circumstances

described above.

192. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing, Defendants have each violated

Sections 17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77q(a)(2) and (3).

193. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff and the Class

Members have suffered damages in connection with their respective purchases of Tezzies

securities in the TEZOS ICO.

COUNT IV - RESCISSION OF CONTRACT

Plaintiff re-alleges, and adopts by reference herein, Paragraphs 1-156 above, and further

alleges:

194. The terms of the TEZOS ICO constitute a contract between: (1) Plaintiff and the

Class Members, and (2) Defendants.

195. The contract was entered into by and between Defendants and each Class Member

between July 1, 2017 and July 15, 2017.

196. The terms of the TEZOS ICO called for an investment of cryptocurrency by

Plaintiff and the Class Members.

197. The funds paid by Plaintiff and the Class Members pursuant to the TEZOS ICO

were pooled by Defendants in an effort by Defendants to secure a profit for themselves and the

investors. As a result, the investors, including Plaintiff and the Class, shared in the risks and

benefits of the investment.

198. Plaintiff and the Class Members relied on, and are dependent upon, the expertise

and efforts of Defendants for their investment returns.

199. The terms of the TEZOS ICO constitute an investment contract and is therefore

subject to federal and state securities laws, including the registration requirements promulgated

thereunder.

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200. No registration statement was filed or in effect with any federal or state regulatory

body, and no exemption from registration exists with respect to the TEZOS ICO.

201. Moreover, the TEZOS ICO Terms for Investors are unconscionable and illusory.

As a benefit for the unilaterally-imposed bargain thrust upon them by TEZOS, Plaintiff and the

Class Members might receive no Tezzies and no TEZOS network at all -- while Defendants

purport a right to retain all of the funds and assets Plaintiff and the Class Members invested.

202. As a result of Defendants' fraud, false representations, and violation of federal and

state securities laws in connection with the TEZOS ICO, Plaintiff and the Class Members state

their demand that the Contract be rescinded and canceled.

203. To the extent that Plaintiff has received from Defendants any benefits through the

contract -- though none are known to them at this time -- Plaintiff hereby offers to restore to

Defendants those benefits, once they are identified and can be quantified.

204. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff and the Class

Members have been damaged.

205. Defendant DLS is subject to liability because it solicited and otherwise participated

in the sale to Plaintiff and the Class Members of the misrepresented and unregistered securities

identified herein. Moreover, Defendant DLS is subject to liability because it is believed to control,

or have obtained control over, a large portion of the assets invested by Plaintiff and the Class

Members which must be disgorged and returned to Plaintiff and the Class Members in effectuating

the rescission of the contract into which they were unlawfully led.

206. Defendant KATHLEEN BREITMAN is subject to liability because she solicited

and otherwise participated in the sale to Plaintiff and the Class Members of the misrepresented

and unregistered securities identified herein. Moreover, Defendant KATHLEEN BRIETMAN

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is subject to liability because she is believed to control, or have obtained control over, a large

portion of the assets invested by Plaintiff and the Class Members which must be disgorged and

returned to Plaintiff and the Class Members in effectuating the rescission of the contract into

which they were unlawfully led.

207. Defendant ARTHUR BREITMAN is subject to liability because he solicited and

otherwise participated in the sale to Plaintiff and the Class Members of the misrepresented and

unregistered securities identified herein. Moreover, Defendant ARTHUR BRIETMAN is subject

to liability because he is believed to control, or have obtained control over, a large portion of the

assets invested by Plaintiff and the Class Members which must be disgorged and returned to

Plaintiff and the Class Members in effectuating the rescission of the contract into which they were

unlawfully led.

208. Defendant THE FOUNDATION is subject to liability because it solicited and

otherwise participated in the sale to Plaintiff and the Class Members of the misrepresented and

unregistered securities identified herein. Moreover, Defendant THE FOUNDATION is subject

to liability because it is believed to control, or have obtained control over, a large portion of the

assets invested by Plaintiff and the Class Members which must be disgorged and returned to

Plaintiff and the Class Members in effectuating the rescission of the contract into which they were

unlawfully led.

COUNT V - ALTER EGO LIABILITY

Plaintiff re-alleges, and adopts by reference herein, Paragraphs 1-156 above, and further

alleges:

209. Upon information and belief, at all times material hereto, each of the Defendants

were principal, agent, affiliate, manager, alter-ego, co-venturer, partner, surety, guarantor, officer,

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director, or employee of the remaining Defendants and were at all times acting within the scope

of such agency, affiliation, management, alter-ego relationship and/or employment; and actively

participated in or subsequently ratified and adopted, or both, each and all of the acts or conduct

alleged, with full knowledge of all of the facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, full

knowledge of each and every violation of Plaintiff's and the Class Members' rights and the

damages to Plaintiff and the Class Members proximately caused thereby.

210. Upon information and belief, there exists, and at all times material hereto existed,

a unity of interest and ownership between and among Defendants, such that any individuality

and/or separateness between them has ceased to exist.

211. Upon information and belief, DLS and THE FOUNDATION were mere shells,

instrumentalities, and conduits through which Defendants carried on their business for THE

BREITMANS' primary, if not sole, benefit. DLS and THE FOUNDATION were and are

controlled, dominated, and operated by THE BREITMANS as their individual businesses and

alter egos.

212. Upon information and belief, Defendants have intermingled their assets and

obtained assets from other Defendants to suit their convenience and to evade U.S. regulations,

liability to defrauded investors in the TEZOS ICO, payment of taxes, and other legitimate

obligations.

213. Upon information and belief, Defendants have used their own assets, and those

of other Defendants, for personal use and obtained funds from other Defendants' business

accounts for their own personal use.

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214. Under the facts and circumstances present herein, adhering to the fiction of

separate entities would sanction a fraud and/or promote injustice, because Plaintiff and the Class

Members, as victims of Defendants' wrongdoing, would suffer injury.

215. In light of the foregoing, Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to a judgment

against Defendants jointly and severally, in a sum according to proof at trial, plus interest at the

maximum rate allowed by law and reimbursement of costs.

COUNT VI – UNREGISTERED OFFER AND SALE OF SECURITIES
IN VIOLATION OF FLA. STAT. §§ 517.011, et seq.

Plaintiff re-alleges, and adopts by reference herein, Paragraphs 1-156 above, and further

alleges:

216. The TEZOS ICO called for an investment of money or assets by Plaintiff and the

Class Members -- specifically, the Bitcoin, Ether, and other assets of value transferred to

Defendants in exchange for the non-functional Tezzies issued by Defendants.

217. The funds paid by Plaintiff and the Class Members were pooled by Defendants in

the project in an effort by Defendants to secure a profit for themselves and the Plaintiff Class. As

a result, the Plaintiff Class -- as the investors -- shared in the risks and benefits of the investment

scheme.

218. Plaintiff and the Class Members relied upon, and were dependent upon, the

expertise and efforts of Defendants for their investment returns.

219. Plaintiff and the Class Members expected that they would receive profits from

their investments in Defendants' efforts.

220. Tezzies constitute investment contracts and are therefore subject to the Florida

Blue Sky Laws, including the registration requirements of Fla. Stat. § 517.07.

221. No registration statements have been filed with the Florida Office of Financial

Regulation or have been in effect with respect to any of the offerings alleged herein.

222. Similarly, no exemption from registration exists with respect to the TEZOS ICO.

223. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have violated Fla. Stat. §§ 517.07, et seq.

224. Defendants KATHLEEN BREITMAN and ARTHUR BREITMAN are subject

to liability under Fla. Stat. §§ 517.07 and 517.211 because they solicited and otherwise personally

participated and aided the sale to Plaintiff and the Class Members of the Tezzies at issue herein.

225. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unregistered sale of securities,

Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered damages in connection with their respective

purchases of Tezzies securities in the TEZOS ICO.

COUNT VII - FRAUD IN THE OFFER AND SALE OF SECURITIES IN VIOLATION OF FLA. STAT. § 517.011, et seq.

Plaintiff re-alleges, and adopts by reference herein, Paragraphs 1 - 156 above, and further

alleges:

226. Fla. Stat. § 517.301 makes it unlawful for anyone, in connection with the rendering

of any investment advice or in connection with the offer, sale, or purchase of any investment or

security: (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud; (b) to obtain money or property

by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission to state a material fact

necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which

they were made, not misleading; or (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business

which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon a person.

227. Defendants conducted an unlawful sale of securities as defined in Fla. Stat. §§

517.011, et seq.

- 228. More specifically, in connection with the offer to sell a security or investment to Plaintiff and the Class Members, Defendants:
  - (a) employed a scheme to defraud Plaintiff and the Class Members;
  - (b) obtained Plaintiff's and the Class Members' invested funds and assets by means of untrue statements of material fact; and
  - (c) engaged in transactions and a course of business which operated as a fraud or deceit upon Plaintiff and the Class Members.
- 229. As Defendants intended, Plaintiff and the Class Members justifiably relied upon the multiple material misrepresentations Defendants made to Plaintiff and the Class Members in the course of their solicitations in connection with Plaintiff's and the Class Members' investments in the TEZOS ICO.
- 230. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of Fla. Stat. §§ 517.011, et seq., Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered damages.
- 231. Defendants each participated in, or aided in, the unlawful procurement of Plaintiff's and the Class Members' investments in the TEZOS ICO.
- 232. Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 517.211.

# COUNT VIII - VIOLATION OF FLORIDA'S DECEPTIVE AND UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT, CHAPTER 501, § 211(1), FLA. STAT. ("FDUTPA")

Plaintiff re-alleges, and adopts by reference herein, Paragraphs 1 - 156 above, and further alleges:

233. Chapter 501, Fla. Stat., Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act is to be liberally construed to protect the consuming public, such as Plaintiff and the Class Members in

this case, from those who engage in unfair methods of competition, or unconscionable, deceptive

or unfair acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce.

234. Plaintiff and the Class Members are "consumers" within the meaning of Fla. Stat.

§ 501.203(7).

235. By soliciting investor funds in the manner in which they did, Defendants engaged

in "trade and commerce" within the meaning of Fla. Stat. §501.203(8).

236. While FDUTPA does not define "deceptive" and "unfair," it incorporates by

reference the Federal Trade Commission's interpretations of these terms. The FTC has found

that a "deceptive act or practice" encompasses "a representation, omission or practice that is likely

to mislead the consumer acting reasonably in the circumstances, to the consumer's detriment."

237. The federal courts have defined a "deceptive trade practice" as any act or practice

that has the tendency or capacity to deceive consumers and have defined an "unfair trade practice"

as any act or practice that offends public policy and is immoral, unethical, oppressive,

unscrupulous, or substantially injurious to consumers.

238. Moreover, as the securities laws are designed for consumer protection and

"proscribe[] unfair methods of competition, or unfair, deceptive, or unconscionable acts or

practices," a violation of the securities laws is a per se violation of FDUTPA.

239. Defendants' acts and omissions of representing to Plaintiff and the Class Members

that, among other things:

(a) TEZOS's applications had been recognized and adopted by several

well-known and well-established companies;

(b) TEZOS's network would be fully functional shortly after the ICO;

(c) DLS would timely sell its shares to THE FOUNDATION shortly

after the ICO

constitute both deceptive and unfair trade practices because the false representations and

omissions made by Defendants have a tendency or capacity to deceive consumers, such as Plaintiff

and the Class Members, into investing in TEZOS's falsely-touted business and are immoral,

unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, or substantially injurious to consumers.

240. As a result of Defendants' deceptive trade practices, Plaintiff and the Class

Members were deceived into investing their money with a company that functioned solely as an

engine of fraud -- thus causing significant economic damage to Plaintiff and the Class Members.

241. The materially false statements and omissions as described above, and the fact that

this was a misleading investment, were unfair, unconscionable, and deceptive practices perpetrated

on Plaintiff and the Class Members which would have likely deceived a reasonable person under

the circumstances.

242. Defendants were on notice at all relevant times that the false representations of

material facts described above were being communicated to prospective investors (such as

Plaintiff and the Class Members) by their authorized agents.

243. As a result of the false representations and violations of the securities laws

described above, Plaintiff and the Class Members have been damaged by, among other things

losing their invested capital.

244. Plaintiff and the Class Members have also been damaged in other and further ways

subject to proof at trial.

245. Therefore, Defendants engaged in unfair and deceptive trade practices in violation

of Section 501.201 et seq., Fla. Stat..

246. Pursuant to Sections 501.211(1) and 501.2105, Fla. Stat., Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to recover from Defendants the reasonable amount of attorneys' fees Plaintiff and the Class Members have had to incur in representing their interests in this matter.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff ALEJANDRO GAVIRIA, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, respectfully prays for relief as follows:

- (a) A declaration from this Court that this action is a proper class action, including certification of the proposed Class, appointment of Plaintiff as the class representative, and appointment of Plaintiff's counsel as class counsel;
- (b) A judgment awarding Plaintiff and the Class Members equitable restitution, including, without limitation, rescission of the terms of the TEZOS ICO, restoration of the *status quo ante*, and return to Plaintiff and the Class Members all cryptocurrency or fiat currency paid to Defendants in connection with the ICO as a result of Defendants' unlawful and unfair business practices and conduct;
- (c) An award of any and all additional damages recoverable under law -- jointly and severally entered against Defendants -- including but not limited to compensatory damages, punitive damages, incidental damages, and consequential damages;
- (d) Pre- and post-judgment interest;
- (e) Attorneys' fees, expenses, and the costs of this action; and
- (f) All other and further relief as this Court deems necessary, just, and proper.

# PLAINTIFF'S DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands trial by jury in this action of all issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Tezos Contribution and XTZ Allocation Terms and Explanatory Notes**

## 1. Principles

- 1. The following Terms ("Terms") govern the contribution procedure ("Contributions" collectively, and "Contribution" individually) to the Tezos Foundation ("TEZOS") by contributors ("Contributors" collectively, and "Contributor" individually) and the subsequent genesis allocation of transferable cryptographic blockchain-based digital information units called tez ("XTZ") to Contributors.
- 2. TEZOS promotes and develops new technologies and applications, especially in the fields of new open and decentralized software architectures. A dominating, but not exclusive focus is set on the promotion and development of the so-called Tezos protocol and the related technologies, as well as the promotion and support of applications using the Tezos protocol. TEZOS will mainly promote the development of software technology ("the Client") that can handle different sorts of blockchain algorithms and can be used to design a blockchain, which can amend itself to perform new functionalities over time ("Tezos Network"). Operation of the Tezos Network involves transferable cryptographic blockchain-based digital information units called tez (XTZ). XTZ is a token that allows the holder to deploy and run software code, vote on network governance issues and support operation of the network through "block creation and validation". TEZOS will have a veto power regarding all votes cast by the XTZ holders for one year following the launch of the Tezos Network.
- 3. When TEZOS judges that the Client has been sufficiently developed to allow the Tezos Network to be launched, TEZOS will issue a public announcement recommending what initial state ("Genesis State") it should have. The Genesis State will include allocations of XTZ that are essential for the Tezos Network to operate. The recommended allocations of XTZ will reflect early contributions made towards the development of the network, and Contributions made to support TEZOS. However, since the Tezos Network will be operated by an independent community of participants around the world using The Client, the community has discretion to adopt or not to adopt the recommendation. Therefore, TEZOS cannot guarantee to any party that they will have an initial allocation of XTZ, because this depends upon the discretion of the community. The Contributor understands and accepts that TEZOS cannot guarantee that Contributors shall have any allocation of XTZ when the TEZOS Network is created.
- 4. The Contributor understands and accepts that while the individuals and entities, including involved entities assigned to this task, will make reasonable efforts to develop and complete the Tezos Network, it is possible that such development may fall and that the Tezos Network and any XTZ will not be created, become useless and/or valueless due to technical, commercial, regulatory or any other reasons (see also section 7 regarding Risks).
- 5. The Contributor is also aware of the risk that even if all or parts of the Tezos Network are successfully developed and released in full or in parts, due to a lack of public interest, the Tezos Network could be fully or partially abandoned, remain commercially unsuccessful, or shut down for lack of interest or other reasons. The Contributor therefore understands and accepts that the Contribution to TEZOS, and/or the allocation, use and ownership of XTZ, carries significant financial, regulatory and/or reputational risks (including the complete loss of value (if any) of XTZ and attributed features).

- 6. By contributing to TEZOS, the Contributor expressly agrees to all of the terms and conditions set forth in the "Contribution Software System" or "CSS", existing on the blockchain at the addresses published before the start of the Contribution Period at: https://crowdfund.tezos.com, and in this document (together the "Terms"). The Contributor further confirms to have carefully reviewed the Terms and fully understands the risks and costs of making a Contribution to TEZOS.
- 7. The Contributor also understands and accepts that as the issuance of allocation proposals of XTZ is software based the functions, terms and conditions applicable thereto are set forth in the CSS. To the extent the terms contained herein or in any other document or communication contradict the ones set forth in the CSS, the terms of the CSS prevail. Furthermore, no other document or communication may modify or add any additional obligations or covenants to TEZOS beyond those set forth in the CSS or in this document.
- 8. This document does not constitute a prospectus of any sort, is not a solicitation for investment and does not pertain in any way to an offering of securities in any jurisdiction. It is a description of the functionality of a software-based fundraising campaign.
- By donating to TEZOS, and/or by receiving, using and holding XTZ, no form of partnership, joint venture or any similar relationship between the Contributors, TEZOS and/or other individuals or entities involved with the Tezos Network is created.

## 2. Representations and Warranties of Contributor

- 10. The Contributor understands and accepts that XTZ do not represent or constitute any ownership right or stake, share or security or equivalent right in or relating to TEZOS, the Client, the Tezos Network and/or any software, any public or private company, corporation, entity or property.
- 11. By donating to TEZOS, and/or by receiving, using and holding XTZ, the Contributor represents and warrants that:
  - a. the Contributor deeply understands the functionality, usage, storage, transmission mechanisms and intricacies associated with cryptographic tokens, such as bitcoin (BTC) and ether (ETH), and blockchain-based software systems and intends to use XTZ to participate in network governance, mining activities or connecting private networks;
  - b. the Contributor is legally permitted to receive and hold and make use of XTZ in the Contributor's jurisdiction;
  - the Contributor is legally permitted to receive software and contribute to TE-ZOS;
  - d. the Contributor is of a sufficient age to legally obtain XTZ;
  - e. the Contributor will take sole responsibility for any restrictions and risks associated with receiving and holding XTZ;
  - f. the Contributor is not contributing to TEZOS to obtain XTZ for the purpose of speculative investment;

- g. the Contributor is not obtaining or using XTZ for any illegal purposes;
- h. the Contributor waives the right to participate in a class action lawsuit or a classwide arbitration against any entity or individual involved with the Contribution to TEZOS, with the allocation of XTZ and with the operation of the Tezos Network;
- the Contributor understands the Contribution to TEZOS and the allocation of XTZ do not involve the purchase of shares or any equivalent in any existing or future public or private company, corporation or other entity in any jurisdiction;
- j. the Contributor understands and expressly accepts that there is no warranty whatsoever on XTZ and/or the success of the Tezos Network, expressed or implied, to the extent permitted by law, and that XTZ is created and obtained at the sole risk of the Contributor on an "as is" and "under development" basis and without, to the extent permitted by law, any warranties of any kind, including, but not limited to, warranties of title or implied warranties, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose;
- k. the Contributor understands and accepts that the Contribution Software and/or the CSS and/or underlying protocols may either delay and/or not execute a Contribution due to the overall Contribution volume, mining attacks and similar events:
- the Contributor understands with regard to XTZ no market liquidity may be guaranteed and that the value of XTZ over time (if any) may experience extreme volatility or depreciate in full;
- m. the Contributor understands that the Contributor bears the sole responsibility for determining if the Contribution to TEZOS, the allocation, use or ownership of XTZ, the potential appreciation or depreciation in the value of XTZ over time (if any), the sale and purchase of XTZ and/or any other action or transaction related to the Tezos Network have tax implications; by contributing to TEZOS, and/or by receiving, using or holding XTZ, and to the extent permitted by law, the Contributor agrees not to hold any associated party (including developers, auditors, contractors or founders) liable for any tax liability associated with or arising from the Contribution to TEZOS, the allocation, use or ownership of XTZ or any other action or transaction related to the Tezos Network;
- n. the Contributor accepts any and all risks, costs and damages associated with Contributions from any US persons or US entities related in any way to the Contributor.

#### 3. TEZOS Contribution Procedure

## 3.1. Qualification

12. Any contribution made to TEZOS during the Contribution Period as described below is qualified as a non-refundable donation, except a respective portion of a non-refundable

administration support fee of USD 150,000 in total, calculated using the exchange rates as reported by http://www.coindesk.com/price/ at the end of the Contribution Period.

# 3.2. Contribution Period

- The contribution period starts on Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 6 am UTC and will last for 2000 bitcoin blocks, which should correspond approximately to 14 days ("Contribution Period").
- 14. Contributions can be made using ether (ETH) or bitcoin (BTC).
- 15. The minimal Contribution amount per User will be 0.1 BTC. If a User makes a contribution of less than 0.1 BTC, this will still be counted as a Contribution and no refund is possible. However, any recommendation for XTZ allocation (as set forth below, see section 4) in such a case, is fully at the discretion of the Foundation, and cannot be expected. The ETH amounts will be calculated according to the mechanism as defined in paragraph 25.
- 16. There is no cap regarding possible Contributions.

# 3.3. Contribution Software and Contribution Procedure

- 17. Contributions in ETH or BTC must be made by using the contribution software ("Contribution Software") provided by TEZOS. The Contribution Software creates a key pair for every Contributor ("Key Pair"), consisting of the private key (encrypted with a password provided by the Contributor) and a public key. The Contributor will have to download and store a copy of the Key Pair.
- 18. Within the Contribution Software, the Contributor may choose, whether he wants to contribute in ETH or in BTC. Generally, a Contribution in BTC is recommended. Any ETH or BTC Contribution to TEZOS without using the Contribution Software will not lead to a recommendation for XTZ allocation as set forth below (see section 4). TEZOS is aware that Users may be able to participate via exchangers and other intermediaries. The use of such exchangers or intermediaries is solely at the Users' own risk and TEZOS accepts no responsibility for their use.
- 19. If Contributor contributes BTC, the Contribution Software will derive a unique BTC address associated with the User's newly generated public key ("BTC Contribution Address"). This will be a P2SH multisignature address, which starts with an OP\_Pushdata operation containing the hash of the public key of the Contributor. Contributions to BTC Contribution Addresses must be linked to this hash, otherwise no recommendation for an allocation to the Contributor may be made. The amount of BTC, the date of the Contribution and the public key of the Contributor will be recorded on the Bitcoin blockchain and later extracted by the CSS and used for the recommendation of allocation of XTZ.
- 20. If Contributor contributes ETH, he sends the Contribution to an Ethereum contract that is a part of the CSS ("Contribution ETH Contract"). The Contributor sends a hash of his Tezos public key generated by the CSS. The value of ETH Contributions will be recorded according to paragraph 25. The information regarding the Contributions to the Contribution ETH Contract, specifically source, amount, value and the hash of the public key will be extracted by the CSS and used for the recommendation of allocation of XTZ. The Contributor has to ensure, not to send the wrong hash of the Tezos public key. Failure to

- do so may have the result, that Contributor will not get a recommendation of XTZ allocation.
- 21. Contributor will have the possibility to check via a link at https://crowdfund.tezos.com, if all information has been transferred properly.
- 22. During the Contribution Period, the Tezos team may, for security reasons, pause the contribution function until the security issues have been resolved.

#### 3.4. Recorded Information

- 23. Contributions made to TEZOS during the Contribution Period will be recorded on the BTC blockchain (BTC Contributions) or on the ETH blockchain (ETH Contributions) as contribution information ("Contribution Information").
- 24. Upon a successful Contribution having been made, the Contribution Information will be recorded, reflecting the quantity of XTZ that TEZOS shall propose to allocate to the Contributor in proportion to his Contribution. Such allocation shall be proposed in accordance with the mechanism set forth below (see section 4).
- 25. The CSS will record the equivalent value of Contributions in BTC. The BTC equivalent for ETH shall be calculated using the historical exchange rate of BTC/ETH at approximately the time of the ETH Contribution, calculated by TEZOS based on data provided by Poloniex, Kraken and Gdax, or three other major exchanges chosen at the discretion of TEZOS (if required because of technical difficulties). These calculations will be made on a best effort basis by TEZOS.

#### 3.5. Bonus System

- 26. When Contributions are recorded by the CSS, a bonus system is applied for the purpose of XTZ allocation ("Contribution Bonus"). The basis of the bonus system is the conversion of the Contribution Period into bitcoin blocks ("Blocks"). The Contribution Bonus will be granted for Contributors, who contribute early in the Contribution Period and decreases from 20% to 0% over a period of (2000) Blocks as follows:
  - a. Blocks 0 to 399 (inclusive): Contribution Bonus of 20%;
  - b. Blocks 400 to 799 (inclusive): Contribution Bonus of 15%;
  - c. Blocks 800 to 1199 (inclusive): Contribution Bonus of 10%;
  - d. Blocks 1200 to 1599 (inclusive): Contribution Bonus of 5%;
  - e. Blocks 1599 to 1999 (inclusive): Contribution Bonus of 0%;

# 4. XTZ Allocation Proposal

27. When TEZOS judges in its sole discretion both that the Client is sufficiently developed to launch the TEZOS Network and that it is an appropriate time to launch the Tezos Network, it will issue a public announcement recommending what the Genesis State should be. It shall recommend the allocations of XTZ in the Genesis State as set forth below.

- 28. For every Contribution of BTC and/or ETH, as recorded by the Contribution Information, TEZOS will recommend the allocation of XTZ in the Genesis Block as follows:
  - One XTZ shall be allocated for the amount (or equivalent according to paragraph 25) of 0.0002 BTC. Additionally, there shall be allocated the number of XTZ, according to the Contribution Bonus system (see paragraph 26), if such a Contribution Bonus applies.
- 29. It remains in the community's discretion to adopt or not to adopt the Genesis State that TEZOS recommends. TEZOS cannot guarantee to Contributors that they shall have any allocation and/or creation of XTZ as set forth in these terms.
- 30. TEZOS shall recommend the allocations of XTZ in the Genesis State according to the principles set forth below and under section 3.5 above:
- Pool A: Consists of an open amount of XTZ that shall be allocated to Contributors who
  made Contributions to TEZOS during the Contribution Period.
  - For Pool A, TEZOS will recommend XTZ to be created in the Genesis State and allocated to the Contributors according to their respective Contributions as recorded in the Contribution Information and reflecting the individual Contribution Bonus granted according to paragraph 26.
- Pool B: Consists of the amount of XTZ equivalent to USD 893'200.77, plus a Contribution Bonus of 20% at the start of the Contribution Period. The exchange rate of BTC/USD will be calculated based on the closing rate on the last day before the start of the Contribution Period, as reported by http://www.coindesk.com/price/. The Genesis State shall allocate Pool B to early backers, who have contributed in advance of the Contribution Period ("Early Backers").
  - For Pool B, TEZOS will recommend the individual amounts of XTZ, which shall be created and allocated to Early Backers in proportion to their Contributions.
- Pool C: Consists of the amount of XTZ equivalent to USD 422'000.00, plus a Contribution Bonus of 20% at the start of the Contribution Period. The exchange rate of BTC/USD will be calculated based on the closing rate on the last day before the start of the Contribution Period, as reported by http://www.coindesk.com/price/. The Genesis State shall allocate Pool C to Advisors, Management, Founders and other persons who have supported the Tezos Project in an early stage.
- Pool D: 1/8 of the amount of XTZ of Pool A, B and C combined (approx. 10% of the total amount of XTZ) shall be allocated by the Genesis State to TEZOS itself. These XTZ will be used at the complete discretion of TEZOS for the development and maintenance of the Tezos Project and/or the Tezos Network. The XTZ of Pool D shall vest over a period of 4 years.
- Pool E: 1/8 of the amount of XTZ of Pool A, B and C combined (approx. 10% of the total amount of XTZ) shall be allocated by the Genesis State to TEZOS and shall be used to finance the purchase of the shares of Dynamic Ledger Solutions Inc. by TEZOS. If this purchase effectively takes place, the XTZ of Pool E will transferred to the sellers of Dynamic Ledger Solutions over a duration of 4 years. Any XTZ of Pool E, which have not been used for the purchase of the shares of Dynamic Ledger Solutions

Inc., may be used by TEZOS at its own discretion to further develop and maintain the Tezos Network and the Tezos Project.

- 31. Contributors will have to download encrypted wallets ("XTZ Wallet"), which will be necessary to claim XTZ as soon as the Tezos Network has been launched. Technically, the Contributor will have to import his XTZ Wallet into the Tezos Client after the Launch of the Tezos Network, in order to claim his XTZ. The XTZ will then be allocated to this wallet address. Contributor hereby agrees and accepts, that he will not gain access to his XTZ, if he does not download the respective XTZ Wallet, or loses the password and/or private key or fails to secure the XTZ Wallet against unauthorized access. In any such case, neither TEZOS, nor any other of the involved persons will be able to restore the information and the XTZ will be irretrievably lost.
- 32. The Contributor understands and accepts, that the Tezos Network will create new XTZ as a reward for "block creation and validation". These rewards will create nominal inflation of XTZ and may therefore lead to a dilution of the overall amount of XTZ.

## 5. TEZOS Project Execution

- 33. It remains at TEZOS' sole discretion to decide how to use the received Contributions to develop and execute the Tezos Project. A part of the Contributions will be used to purchase all shares of Dynamic Ledger Solutions, Inc. This part (which is independent from Pool E) maximally amounts to 8.5% of the Contributions made. If this part has not been used (partially or entirely) for the purchase of the shares of Dynamic Ledger Solutions Inc., it may be used by TEZOS at its own discretion to further develop and maintain the Tezos Network and the Tezos Project.
- 34. The Contributor understands and accepts that he does not have any influence over the governance of TEZOS.
- 35. TEZOS has the right to engage subcontractors to perform some or all of the development and execution of the Tezos Project.
- 36. The Contributor understands and accepts that the Tezos Network is undergoing substantial development which may involve significant conceptual, technical and commercial changes before release.

#### 6. Audit of the Contribution Software and the CSS

- 37. The Contribution Software and the CSS have been, on a reasonable effort basis, audited and approved by technical experts with regard to their functionality. The technical experts have further confirmed that the Contribution Software and the CSS have, with regard to both accuracy and security, been programmed according to the current state of the art.
- 38. However, the Contributor understands and accepts that the used software and technology is still in an early development stage and its application is of an experimental nature which carries significant operational, technological, financial, regulatory and reputational risks. Accordingly, while the conducted audit raises the level of security and accuracy, the Contributor understands and accepts that the audit does not amount to any form of warranty, including direct or indirect warranties that the Contribution Software and the CSS are fit

for a particular purpose or do not contain any weaknesses, vulnerabilities or bugs which could cause, inter alia, the complete loss of BTC, ETH and/or XTZ.

#### 7. Risks

- 39. The Contributor understands and accepts the risks in connection with the Contribution to TEZOS, and/or with the allocation, use and ownership of XTZ. In particular, but without being limited to these examples, the Contributor understands the inherent risks set forth above and hereinafter:
- Risk of software weaknesses: The Contributor understands and accepts that the underlying software application and software platform, the Tezos Network, the Client, the Contribution Software, the CSS and other involved software and technology and technical concepts and theories are still in an early development stage and unproven, that there is no warranty that the process for receipt, use and ownership of XTZ will be uninterrupted or error-free and that there is an inherent risk that the software and related technologies and theories could contain weaknesses, vulnerabilities or bugs causing, inter alia, the complete loss of XTZ.
- Regulatory risk: The Contributor understands and accepts that blockchain technologies allow new forms of interaction and that it is possible that certain jurisdictions will apply existing regulations on, or introduce new regulations addressing, blockchain technology-based applications, which may be contrary to the current setup of the CSS and which may, inter alia, result in substantial modifications of the Tezos Network, including its termination and the loss of XTZ for the Contributor.\_Further, the Contributor accepts and bears the risks with respect to US regulations that may regulate Contribution and/or potential custody of XTZ.
- Risk of abandonment / lack of success: The Contributor understands and accepts that the allocation of XTZ and the development of the Tezos Network may be abandoned for a number of reasons, including lack of interest from industry and/or the public, lack of funding, lack of commercial success or prospects (e.g. caused by competing projects). The Contributor therefore understands that there is no assurance that, even if the Tezos Network is partially or fully developed and launched, the Contributor will receive any functionality through the XTZ held by him.
- Risk associated with other applications: The Contributor understands and accepts that the Tezos Network may give rise to other, alternative projects, promoted by unaffiliated third parties, under which XTZ will have no intrinsic value.
- Risk of loss of private key: XTZ may only be accessed using a private key that corresponds to the address at which it is stored. The Contributor understands and accepts that if his private key, or the "seed" used to create his address and corresponding private key is lost or stolen, the obtained XTZ associated with the Contributor's address will be unrecoverable and will be permanently lost.
- Risk of theft: The Contributor understands and accepts that the underlying software application and software platform, the Tezos Network, the Client, the Contribution Software, the CSS, other involved software, other technology components and/or platforms may be exposed to attacks by hackers or other individuals that could result in theft or

loss of XTZ, or the theft or loss of Contributions, impacting the ability to develop and launch the Tezos Network.

- Risk of blockchain mining attacks: The Contributor understands and accepts that, as with other public blockchain-based systems that depend on independent miners, the Tezos Network may be susceptible to mining attacks including but not limited to double-spend attacks, majority mining power attacks, "selfish-mining" attacks, and race condition attacks. Any successful attacks present a risk to the Tezos Network, expected proper execution and sequencing of XTZ transactions, and expected proper execution and sequencing of software computations.
- Risk of governance attacks and failure: The Contributor understands and accepts that the Tezos Network uses an in-built decentralized governance system ("Governance System"). It is possible that the Governance System adopts proposals that have an adverse effect on the useful functioning of the Tezos Network and/or the value of XTZ. If the Governance System is attacked, or becomes controlled either directly or indirectly by some party or parties that make unwise decisions, or the community generally makes unwise decisions, the value of XTZ held by a Contributor might be greatly reduced or even permanently lost.

#### 8. Taxation

- 40. The Contributor bears the sole responsibility for determining if his Contribution to TEZOS, the allocation, use or ownership of XTZ, the potential appreciation or depreciation in the value of XTZ over time (if any), the sale and purchase of XTZ and/or any other action or transaction related to the Tezos Network have tax implications for him.
- 41. By donating to TEZOS, and/or by receiving, using or holding XTZ, and to the extent permitted by law, the Contributor agrees not to hold any third party (including developers, auditors, contractors or founders) liable for any tax liability associated with or arising from the Contribution to TEZOS, the allocation, use or ownership of XTZ or any other action or transaction related to the Tezos Network.

## 9. No Liability

- 42. The Contributor acknowledges and agrees that, to the fullest extent permitted by any applicable law, the Contributor will not hold TEZOS, any developers, auditors, contractors or founders and/or the Tezos Network liable for any and all damages or injury whatsoever caused by or related to the use of, or the inability to use, the Contribution Software, the CSS, the XTZ or the Tezos Network under any cause or action whatsoever of any kind in any jurisdiction, including, without limitation, actions for breach of warranty, breach of contract or tort (including negligence) and that developers, auditors, contractors or founders of the Contribution Software, the CSS, the XTZ or the Tezos Network shall not be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, exemplary or consequential damages, including for loss of profits, goodwill or data, in any way whatsoever arising out of the use of, or the inability to use of the Contribution Software, the CSS, the XTZ or the Tezos Network.
- 43. The Contributor further specifically acknowledges that TEZOS and developers, auditors, contractors or founders of the Contribution Software, the CSS, the XTZ or the Tezos Network are not liable, and the Contributor agrees not to seek to hold them liable, for the

- conduct of third parties, including other creators of XTZ, and that the risk of creating, holding and using XTZ rests entirely with the Contributor.
- 44. By receiving, holding or using XTZ, and to the extent permitted by law, the Contributor agrees not to hold any third party (including, without limitation, TEZOS, developers, auditors, contractors or founders) liable for any regulatory implications or liability associated with or arising from the allocation, ownership or use of XTZ or any other action or transaction related to the Tezos Network.

#### 10. Miscellaneous

- 45. The Contributor agrees that if any portion of these Terms is found illegal or unenforceable, in whole or in part, such provision shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective solely to the extent of such determination of invalidity or unenforceability without affecting the validity or enforceability thereof in any other manner or jurisdiction and without affecting the remaining provisions of the Terms, which shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- 46. The Contribution Software and the Client are located in Alderney. Consequently, the contribution procedure, the XTZ creation and XTZ allocation is considered to be executed in Alderney.
- 47. The Terms govern the Contributions to TEZOS, and the allocation, use and holding of XTZ and supersede any public statements about the launch of Tezos Network and/or the XTZ made by anyone in the past, present and future.
- 48. The applicable law is Swiss law. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with the creation of the XTZ and the development and execution of the Tezos Network shall be exclusively and finally settled by the ordinary courts of Zug, Switzerland.