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FinTRAC (Canada) declares Bitcoin processor not Money Service Business

Toronto, Canada, August 22nd, 2013 – Today, QuickBT has received formal confirmation that it cannot register with FinTRAC as a Money Service Business.

QuickBT has taken pro-active steps to involve FinTRAC including:

- Contacting FinTRAC by phone prior to launch
- Understanding and complying with MSB regulations prior to launch
- Forwarding our Business Plan and Money Movement Diagram to FinTRAC
- Elaborating specific details of crypto-currency, in regards to regulation

FinTRAC's official response (names redacted, bold added for visual aid):

Good afternoon Mr. *****,

Thank you for providing the additional requested information.

To be considered a Money Services Business (MSB), an individual or entity must be engaged in the business of any of the following activities in Canada:

- Foreign exchange dealing;
- Remitting or transmitting funds by any means or through any person, entity or electronic funds transfer network; or
- Issuing or redeeming money orders, traveller's cheques or other similar negotiable instruments (except for cheques payable to a named person or entity).

Strictly based on the information you have provided, namely that, "QuickBT provides real time purchasing of small amounts of crypto-currency using an INTERAC debit card," and that it, "facilitates online checkouts where merchants accept Bitcoin while consumers hold debit card balances," **it does not appear that your business is engaged as an MSB in Canada** as per the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act and its associated Regulations. **Therefore, you cannot register your entity with us.** Should your business model change in the future to expand beyond selling crypto currency and facilitating online purchases using Bitcoin, we would appreciate you contacting us in order for us to review and reassess our interpretation to reflect these new facts.

I trust this information will be of assistance.

Kind regards,

QuickBT hopes that if the Government of Canada's position on Bitcoin changes, we will be afforded a short grace period to register. Our efforts to do so pre-maturely have failed.

Regards,

QuickBT Team

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About QuickBT Processing Inc.

QuickBT allows consumers to make payments in Bitcoin, a digital cryptocurrency, using their debit card instantly. Bitcoin has seen unprecedented growth in 2013.