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Notice Regarding Participation in the Canton Network as a Validator in Collaboration with Next Finance Tech Co., Ltd.

HODL1 Inc. (the "Company") operates under the mission of "Expanding the future of financial infrastructure as an Ethereum company," advancing the development of the Ethereum ecosystem through two core business pillars: the "HODL" business focused on long-term holding and management of Ether, and the "BUIDL" business dedicated to developing and socially implementing Ethereum-based technologies. We are pleased to announce that, as part of our "BUIDL" business, the Company has joined the Canton Network—a next-generation financial infrastructure designed for institutional investors—as a validator, in collaboration with Next Finance Tech Co., Ltd., as detailed below.

1. Overview of Participation

Through "HODL1 Labs," the Company's dedicated research and development organization for foundational blockchain technologies, we have been continuously conducting research on blockchain networks. As a result of this research, the Company has joined the Canton Network—a next-generation financial infrastructure for institutional investors bridging traditional finance and digital finance—as a validator, in collaboration with Next Finance Tech Co., Ltd.

The financial impact on the Company's current fiscal year results is expected to be minimal at this time.

2. About the Canton Network

The Canton Network is a public, permissionless blockchain network developed by Digital Asset and now available as open-source software, purpose-built for institutional investors. More than 40 global financial institutions and service providers—including Goldman Sachs, HSBC, and BNP Paribas—participate in its governance. The network is designed as a next-generation financial infrastructure combining privacy, compliance, and scalability, enabling the convergence of traditional finance and digital finance.

3. About Next Finance Tech Co., Ltd.

Next Finance Tech Co., Ltd. is a Japan-based blockchain infrastructure company that provides validator node operation and staking services for corporate clients both globally and domestically. The company has an extensive track record in node operations on major blockchains including Ethereum, and offers a Canton Network white-label validator service.