Claims against giving to Baer Chain, the Ethfinex badge

EthFinex proposes a badge for tokens who must comply with the guidelines published here:

https://ipfs.kleros.io/ipfs/QmVzwEBpGsbFY3UgyjA3SxgGXx3r5gFGynNpaoXkp6jenu/Ethfinex%20Court%20Policy.pdf

Point 2.1, about "Team and Governance" states: "The token issuer's directors are fit and proper persons (for example they have no previous record of fraud or similar dishonesty offences)." Reject if: The CEO of the project has previously run an exit-scam, has fake social media profiles or a lack of public presence.

For the record, Baer Chain already tried to get the ethfinex badge twice. But nothing has changed concerning point 2.1 so we didn't change previous arguments. Firstly we will provide the main argument proving our claim. Then we will respond to the video given by Baer Chain as a counter argument. Finally the document will repeat previous arguments for some context.

Main argument

Fake social media profile and lack of public presence (enough to deny the badge): We tried to find information about Scott Bingley, there is little to find, google images does provide only 2 or 3 profile pictures, all related to baer chain. No conferences, no team pictures, which is very unlikely for the CTO of a highly technical project. (lack of public presence)

Now we take look at the linkedIn profile : https://www.linkedin.com/in/scott-bingley/ which is the only profile related with Scott Bingley on social networks. (lack of public presence).

The whole profile is a copy of a software developer CV I found here :
https://www.myperfectresume.com/how-to/cv-examples/software-developer-cv-example
The name used in this CV is Charles Bingley (coincidence ?), it should ring a bell to the jurors, job description, dates, even education is copied from this **CV example.** (not from real person)
It's clear that Scott Bingley is a fake profile.

Response to Baer Chain video

Baer Chain responded to our claim about Scott Bingley being a fake profile by this video.
https://ipfs.kleros.io/ipfs/QmaiJRvXD51JcuZJTVShBF2S4GpVf5mmPYZrSLMZWhPGkf/616d2d6d-c53c-4188-9914-92ca1d0567c6-(1).mp4

This video of course just gives evidence that someone had been hired to record this message. The message of the video is totally out of context with the last case. It's a generic message to "explain" the absence of the CTO in an event. It's not a proof of real identity. The coincidence talked earlier about the last name being "Bingley" for both the CTO and the CV example is strong. Even with the unlikely possibility of this person in the video really being named Scott Bingley, the fact that the LinkedIn page is totally fake still stand.

Baer Chain said that Scott Bingley has no founding role and is not a partner. This argument don't stand with the fact that this information is not available anywhere, jurors are not fools, this attempt to make Scott Bingley out of scope of the case is ridiculous. It's still dishonesty offence.

Old arguments from previous cases:

We took attention on the profile of the CTO named Scott Bingley. At the date of 05/02/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy), it says:

"Bachelor of Information Software Engineering, University of Chicago, Master of Software Engineering, University of Boston. He owns 15 years of software development experience, used to work in Cisco and Motorola as the chief technology engineer, participating in leading the systematic framework design, research and development of multiple major projects. Scott has significant mathematical, logical and data analyzing abilities, and grasps software development technology of state-of –art around the globe. He was the senior researcher of Blockchain Research Laboratories in Oxford and IBM, and has deeply studied cryptography and distributed storage, etc."

The final statement about being a senior researcher of Blockchain Research Laboratories in Oxford is not consistent with the facts following:

- There is no entity called "Blockchain Research Laboratories" in Oxford
- I contacted the director of the closest entity by name called "Blockchain Research Center" and this person is not known there https://blockchain.univ.ox.ac.uk/ (Mail of the director : awroscoe@gmail.com)
- There is no scientific publication written by Scott Bingley neither we can find his name mentioned as a contributor on the topic of "blockchain" or "cryptocurrency". It's highly unlikely for a senior research scientist. (https://scholar.google.fr/scholar?hl=fr&as_sdt=0%2C5&q=scott+bingley+blockchain&btnG=)

These facts form a body of corroborating evidences that makes possible to establish dishonesty of the issuer about the team.

1- Baer Chain said that the Blockchain Research Laboratories is a community group or working group. It's hard to verify if such a group exists as there is no presence of it on the web. Denying proper due diligence to potential challengers by making unverifiable claims like this one should be considered as a red flag.

2- The BaerChain whitepaper can be found on their website : https://www.baerchain.com/statics/BaerChainWhitePaperv1_2.pdf. We compared this new whitepaper with the old one prior to the new request of Baer Chain for the badge. (also labeled as a 1.2 version of the whitepaper…)

We used adobe reader comparison tool and found that **only** the Scott Bingley profile description has changed.

The following has been removed: *"He was the senior researcher of Blockchain Research Laboratories in Oxford and IBM, and has deeply studied cryptography and distributed storage, etc…"*

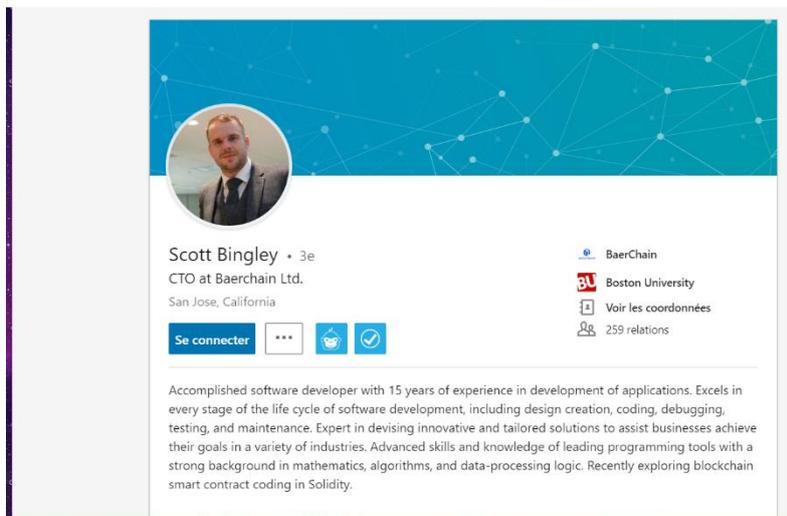The old version of the whitepaper is hard to find in English, but the Chinese version still has this statement (https://www.baerchain.com/statics/BaerChain%E7%99%BD%E7%9A%AE%E4%B9%A6_v1_2.pdf), so has their website.

Jurors should ask themselves why the issuer removed this statement about a core member of the team. If it's a genuine statement, there is no incentive for the issuer to remove it. It should be easy to prove the fact that Scott Bingley has been a research scientist both in IBM and Blockchain Research Laboratories. The only reason left is that the statement is false and therefore impossible to prove.

Conclusion

All these evidence shows that Scott Bingley is a fake member of the baer chain which is against 2.1.

Screenshots of the LinkedIn profile of Scott Bingley as of the date of 06/03/2019

Scott Bingley · 3e
CTO at Baerchain Ltd.
San Jose, California

Se connecter   ···

BaerChain
Boston University
Voir les coordonnées
259 relations

Accomplished software developer with 15 years of experience in development of applications. Excels in every stage of the life cycle of software development, including design creation, coding, debugging, testing, and maintenance. Expert in devising innovative and tailored solutions to assist businesses achieve their goals in a variety of industries. Advanced skills and knowledge of leading programming tools with a strong background in mathematics, algorithms, and data-processing logic. Recently exploring blockchain smart contract coding in Solidity.

Superior development skills include:
▷ OOD,
▷ Agile Development,
▷ Solutions Architecture,
▷ Project Management, and
▷ Technical Documentation

Programming languages include:
▷ C/C++/C#, ASP.NET, HTML5,
▷ VBScript, Java, JavaScript,
▷ T-SQL, JQuery,
▷ XML, PHP,
▷ Objective C and MySQL

Exceptional ability to work in the following environments:
▷ Java Enterprise Edition,
▷ UNIX,
▷ Linux, and
▷ Windows

✔ Strong decision maker, critical thinker, and creative designer with the ability to think around problems to unusual yet highly effective solutions
✔ Excels in systems evaluation to identify system performance indicators and the best course of action to take to improve or correct performance based upon specific system goals.

Expérience

Technology Specialist
BaerChain
2018 – Aujourd'hui · 1 an
Singapore

BaerChain is an online game ecology platform of distributed smart contract, constructed based on blockchain and will subvert rules of the traditional online gaming industry and connect the game ecosystem chain with a non-decentralized structure, making assets butt-joint, circulate and store. The BaerChain team is responsible for the construction of the bottom game public chain and offering of blockchain bottom technology and smart contracts to global game developers.

Senior Software Developer
GPL Technologies
juin 2012 – Aujourd'hui · 7 ans
California Area

• Develop, upgrade, and maintain advanced financial industry software.
• Coordinate the design and implementation of various applications, including collaboration with project managers, and client representative and development teams.
• Provide mentoring services to junior developers as needed.... Voir plus

Software Developer
Motorola Mobility (a Lenovo Company)
févr. 2007 – juin 2012 · 5 ans 5 mois

Motorola Mobile Devices
• Experimented with multiple iterations during design implementation.
• Wrote extensible and maintainable code as part of a team.

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• Excelled in rapidly prototyping new capabilities to confirm project feasibility.... Voir plus

Junior Software Developer
Cisco Systems
juil. 2002 – févr. 2007 · 4 ans 8 mois

• Modified existing software to detect and correct errors, improve performance, and upgrade interfaces.
• Consulted with clients regularly regarding projects, proposals, and technical issues that arise during the development process.... Voir plus

Formation

Boston University
Master of Science in Software Development, Information Technology
2000 – 2002

University of Chicago
Bachelor of Science in Software Development, Information Technology

Compétences et recommandations

Software Development