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Applied Blockchain, Inc. Receives Regulatory Approval from the State of North Dakota for Electric Service Agreement

Marks Important Step Towards Continued Development of Hosting Business

Remains on schedule for operation of 50MW of capacity by year end with plans to scale to 100MW in early 2022

DALLAS, Sept. 30, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Applied Blockchain, Inc. ("Applied Blockchain" or the "Company") (PINK: APLD) today announced the State of North Dakota's Public Service Commission has approved the Company's Electric Service Agreement ("ESA") with its utility partner in support of its entry into the crypto hosting business.

As previously announced, the Company entered into a long-term ESA with a utility partner located in the upper Midwest to provide up to 100 megawatts of power. The agreement became effective on August 4, 2021, subject to regulatory approval, which has now been received.

Wes Cummins, Applied Blockchain's CEO and Chairman, said, "Gaining state regulatory approval was the critical next step in our business development efforts and comes on the heels of the groundbreaking for our first hosting facility just two weeks ago. We have secured a low-cost, reliable, long-term power source that is now fully approved, and we are moving forward.

Cummins continued, "We announced our hosting business in July in conjunction with the closing of our capital raise that was led by Bitmain. We have long-term hosting agreements for 115 Megawatts already in place with industry leaders Bitmain and GMR. These contracts secure attractive economics for our investment in blockchain infrastructure. We have assembled a talented team of individuals and partners to get our first 50 megawatts of capacity online before year end and the next 50 megawatts up in early 2022."

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About Applied Blockchain

Applied Blockchain, Inc. (PINK: APLD) delivers high-performance crypto mining and infrastructure solutions to customers around the globe. The Company has partnered with Bitmain, SparkPool, and General Mining Research (GMR) to develop, deploy and scale its

business. Applied Blockchain also engages in direct mining of Ethereum, Bitcoin and other crypto assets. The Company is backed by some of the largest family offices and institutional investors in the US.

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This release contains "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 regarding, among other things, future operating and financial performance, product development, market position, business strategy and objectives. These statements use words, and variations of words, such as "continue," "build," "future," "increase," "drive," "believe," "look," "ahead," "confident," "deliver," "outlook," "expect," and "predict." Other examples of forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, (i) statements of Company plans and objectives, including our evolving business model, or estimates or predictions of actions by suppliers, (ii) statements of future economic performance, and (iii) statements of assumptions underlying other statements and statements about the Company or its business. You are cautioned not to rely on these forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current expectations of future events and thus are inherently subject to uncertainty. If underlying assumptions prove inaccurate or known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, actual results could vary materially from the Company's expectations and projections. These risks, uncertainties, and other factors include: decline in demand for our products and services; the volatility of the crypto asset industry; the inability to comply with developments and changes in regulation; cash flow and access to capital; and maintenance of third party relationships. Information in this release is as of the dates and time periods indicated herein, and the Company does not undertake to update any of the information contained in these materials, except as required by law.

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