

# PAYWARD CANADA INC.

## CRYPTO ASSET STATEMENT

### ZEUS

#### Zeus Network (ZEUS)

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#### What is Zeus Network (ZEUS) and how does it work?

Zeus Network is a permissionless communication layer built on the Solana Virtual Machine (SVM). Its goal is to let decentralized applications (dApps) on Solana use Bitcoin's liquidity while keeping Solana's speed and scalability. Developers can build applications that move assets between the two blockchains without relying on centralized intermediaries. The network's first application, called Apollo, allows users to deposit Bitcoin, which is locked on the Bitcoin blockchain, and in return mint a Solana-based token called zBTC. This makes Bitcoin liquidity usable across Solana's decentralized finance (DeFi) ecosystem.

Behind the scenes, Zeus works through a simple four-step process:

1. Transactions are proposed and stored on Solana by Zeus nodes.
2. Other nodes review and validate these transactions with their digital signatures.
3. Once approved, the transactions are sent to the correct blockchain (e.g., Bitcoin).
4. Fraud proofs provide an extra layer of security—if a transaction looks suspicious, nodes can challenge it and prove whether it is valid.

ZEUS is the native token of the Zeus Network. It serves several functions within the system: paying network fees, staking to support validators and secure the network, and participating in governance decisions. Holders who stake ZEUS can delegate their tokens to validators and potentially receive rewards.

### **Who is behind the project?**

The Zeus Network was founded in 2023 by Justin Wang, who also serves as CEO. The project is currently led by Justin Wang (Founder and CEO), Jim Chiu (Chief Architect), and Dean Little (Chief Scientist).

### **Tokenomics of ZEUS**

ZEUS has a total fixed supply of 1,000,000,000 tokens. At launch, 167,500,000 ZEUS (16.75% of the total supply) were distributed into circulation as follows. The remaining allocations are subject to a vesting period of up to 30 months.

Category	Percentage (%)
Ecosystem & Community Growth	40%
Foundation Reserve	20%
Team	15%
Early Backers	10%
Liquidity	5%
Jupiter Launchpad	5%
Advisors	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

As of September 2025, the circulating supply is approximately 382,800,000 ZEUS (~38.3% of the total).

### **General Risks**

Like all other digital assets, there are some general risks to investing in ZEUS. These include short history risk, volatility, and liquidity risk, demand risk, forking risk, code defects, cryptography risk, regulatory risk, concentration risk, electronic trading risk and cyber security risk. For more information on general risks associated with smart contracts and digital assets, see [Kraken's Risk Statement](#).

### **Risks specific to ZEUS**

#### *Competition*

The Zeus Network protocol faces competition from other cross-chain and interoperability projects such as Thorchain, Axelar, and Chainlink CCIP, among others. ZEUS's value derives from its broader adoption in the market. If the Zeus Network protocol fails to achieve sufficient adoption compared to the other options in the market, this could negatively impact the value of ZEUS.

**Due Diligence**

Prior to listing on the Kraken platform, Kraken performed due diligence on ZEUS and determined that ZEUS is unlikely to be a security or derivative under Canadian securities legislation. Our analysis generally includes, but is not limited to, reviewing publicly available information on the following:

- The creation, governance, usage and design of ZEUS, including the source code, security and roadmap for growth in the developer community and, if available, the background of the developer(s) that created ZEUS;
- The supply, demand, maturity, utility and liquidity of ZEUS;
- Material technical risks associated with ZEUS, including any code defects, security breaches and other threats concerning ZEUS and its supporting blockchain (such as the susceptibility to hacking and impact of forking), or the practices and protocols that apply to them; and
- Legal and regulatory risks associated with ZEUS, including (i) any pending, potential, or prior civil, regulatory, criminal, or enforcement action relating to the issuance, distribution, or use of ZEUS, and (ii) consideration of statements made by any regulators or securities regulatory authorities in Canada, other regulators of the International Organization of Securities Commissions, or the regulator with the most significant connection to ZEUS about whether ZEUS, or generally about whether the type of crypto asset, is a security and/or derivative.