

Digital Entertainment Asset (DEA) Signs MOU with Rakuten Group for Collaborative Web3 Partnership

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Summary

Rakuten Capital, the investment arm of the global leader in internet services spanning e-commerce, fintech, digital content and communication, to invest in DEA via share subscription rights.

Message

Singapore, Nov 18, 2022 -- Digital Entertainment Asset (DEA), a Singapore-based global Web3 entertainment company that operates the PlayMining NFT gaming platform, announced today that it has signed a memorandum of understanding with Rakuten Group for a collaborative partnership in the Web3 domain. Additionally, Rakuten Group's corporate venture capital arm Rakuten Capital is making a minority investment in DEA by subscribing to share acquisition rights. "Rakuten Group is a global tech company that provides more than 70 different services spanning e-commerce, fintech, digital content, a mobile carrier business and other communications services, as well as professional sports. Rakuten was an early entrant to the Web3 space, and has already launched businesses such as the NFT marketplace and sales platform "Rakuten NFT," one of Japan's leading NFT platforms, and its crypto asset trading exchange "Rakuten Wallet," which supports Bitcoin and a range of cryptocurrencies. The partnership will see DEA and Rakuten collaborate on potential synergies in their respective businesses to further enhance the value of their services. "We have decided to invest in DEA because of the company's proven track record on the world stage in the fast-growing Web3 domain under the leadership of an experienced management team," said Hiroshi Takasawa, President of Rakuten Capital. "I am looking forward to working together with DEA on a number of Web3 business initiatives through this investment. We expect that Rakuten Group's membership base, brand and business experience and expertise in related areas and DEA's experience in GameFi, token economy and metaverse business promotion, will contribute to the future business growth of both companies." "We are very proud to enter a business agreement with Rakuten Group, a powerful name in the Japanese tech industry, and we look forward to building great things together," said DEA co-founder and co-CEO Naohito Yoshida. "Our companies have a great number of synergies that we can explore to collaboratively create top-notch Web3 content." "Uniting Toward Common Web3 Goals" DEA operates the PlayMining GameFi platform, which features a catalog of Play-to-Earn (P2E) NFT games, including Job Tribes, Cookin' Burger, Menya Dragon Ramen and the recently launched Graffiti Racer. The platform has a robust NFT marketplace featuring hot content from household names among Japanese anime and video game fans, and a metaverse initiative is in development. DEA also has its own token, DEAPcoin (\$DEP), which is the first and currently only P2E token officially approved by Japan's Financial Service Agency. By having an NFT market, a token and a GameFi and metaverse platform in one place, PlayMining is able to offer IP monetization opportunities to third-company game studio partners. "Our vision for DEA is to become the world's top Web3 entertainment company. Our agreement with Rakuten will go a long way towards helping us work toward this goal by increasing adoption of Play-to-Earn gaming," said DEA's other co-founder and co-CEO, Kozo Yamada. "The best way to help promote mainstream adoption of Web3 content is for more competition to enter the space and bring in new users. There is room in this market for all of us!" About Rakuten Group: Rakuten Group, Inc. (TSE: 4755) is a global leader in internet services that empower individuals, communities, businesses and society. Founded in Tokyo in 1997 as an online marketplace, Rakuten has expanded to offer services in e-commerce, fintech, digital content and communications to approximately 1.6 billion members around the world. The Rakuten Group has over 30,000 employees and operations in 30 countries and regions. For more information visit <https://global.rakuten.com/corp/>. About Digital Entertainment Asset: Digital Entertainment Asset Pte. Ltd. (DEA) is a Singapore-based Web3 Entertainment company with a global GameFi and metaverse platform business called PlayMining founded in August 2018. DEA is a developer of Play-to-Earn games, and also operates the PlayMining NFT game platform, the PlayMining NFT marketplace, the PlayMining Verse metaverse project and DEAPcoin, the only P2E token currently approved by the Financial Service Agency of Japan. The team is headed by two co-CEOs "Naohito Goro" Yoshida and Kozo Yamada "who together bring decades of experience in founding successful startups (with 3 IPOs by Naohito), creating hit video games, producing Web TV programs and a deep understanding of NFT gaming." About PlayMining: PlayMining is a Web3 entertainment platform that empowers creators who would otherwise benefit very little in the traditional IP creation industry. The PlayMining platform is a new business model for content creation, featuring an NFT Marketplace powered by the PlayMining DEAPcoin, paired with an NFT game and Metaverse platform with both in-house games as well as third-party projects with their own native tokens that allow creators to capture the value they create. The

PlayMining platform has 2.5 million users and a catalog of Play-to-Earn game titles, including Job Menya Dragon Ramen and Graffiti Racer. Official Channels: PlayMining Website: <https://playmining.com> <https://discord.com/invite/xWeHGdt> PlayMining Twitter: https://twitter.com/PlayMining_SG PlayMining Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PlayMining/> PlayMining Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGWmK0RLV4SB_PsXpj2j6dw PlayMining LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/digital-entertainment-asset/> PlayMining Medium: <https://playmining.medium.com> DEA Website: <https://dea.sg>



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