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The following are excerpts from the transcript of an interview of Eric Trump, Chief Strategy Officer of American Bitcoin Corp., by MacKenzie Sigalos of CNBC. The excerpts contain only those portions of the transcript relating to discussions of the proposed transactions between American Bitcoin Corp. and Gryphon Digital Mining, Inc.

# **Eric Trump Interviewed on CNBC**

## May 15, 2025

## **MacKenzie Sigalos**

I'm Mackenzie Sigalos for CNBC here in Consensus 2025 in Toronto, Canada. I'm speaking with the Co-founder of American Bitcoin, Eric Trump, one of the leading voices in crypto in the country right now. Eric, thank you so much for taking the time to join us.

## **Eric Trump**

Thanks MacKenzie, it's great to be here.

#### **MacKenzie Sigalos**

So just this week, we found out that you're going to be taking American Bitcoin public through reverse merger with Griffin Digital. Talk to me about this decision to enter the public market, right?

# **Eric Trump**

Well it's kind of everything that I love in life, right? America and Bitcoin, I really believe that the digital asset space is growing by leaps and bounds. There's so few people who have really caught on to what that world's going to be, the digital transformation, and Bitcoin is obviously leading the way in terms of that transformation, and to be able to mine Bitcoin in the United States, using U.S. energy, to be able to do so at a fraction of cost of what the actual assets trading at right now. It's kind of bringing together my love of hard assets, real estate, kind of data centers right on one side. And obviously a cryptocurrency that's kind of led the way and has been explosive in terms of growth, and so it's been a great project. It's one that I'm excited about. I put my heart and soul into it, and we're having a lot of fun.

## **MacKenzie Sigalos**

And why take it public so early? What does the public market give you at this point?

# **Eric Trump**

Well, listen, I think you want that exposure, right? There's a lot of things in the public market gives you it gives you that capital. It gives you ATM, you see how well the micro strategy model has done. You know, Michael Saylor, I think in this community has probably inspired every single person in this room by what he's been able to achieve. We're obviously a very different spin off of that enable and that, you know, we're not buying it OTC. We're actually going out and creating and mining it and doing that very efficiently. We're doing that with Hut 8. They're amazing, amazing, amazing company. They've got some of the best data centers anywhere. They've got some of the best energy contracts anywhere. And again, it's just great passion of love bringing together kind of two elements the world that I adore.

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These communications relate to a proposed transaction between American Bitcoin and Gryphon. In connection with the proposed transaction, Gryphon intends to file with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (the "Registration Statement") to register the Class A common stock to be issued by Gryphon in connection with the proposed transaction. The Registration Statement will include a proxy statement of Gryphon and a prospectus of Gryphon (the "Proxy Statement/Prospectus"), and each of American Bitcoin and Gryphon may file with the SEC other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. After the Registration Statement is declared effective, the definitive Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be sent to the stockholders of Gryphon to seek their approval of the proposed transaction. These communications are not a substitute for the Registration Statement, the Proxy Statement/Prospectus or any other relevant documents that American Bitcoin or Gryphon has filed or may file with the SEC. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CAREFULLY AND ENTIRELY READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN BITCOIN, GRYPHON, THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION, AND RELATED MATTERS.

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