

INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Project Title:
AstroX \$ATX





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Project Name: AstroX Blockchain: BSC

Token (if applicable): \$ATX

Token Contract Address:

0xF892bb5a36C4457901130E041Bdeb470bD72242f

Quantity of Responsible Parties w/ Identification on file with

Assure DeFi LLC: 5

Nationality of Responsible Parties: English & Dutch

Date Investigation Was Opened: 6/20/2023

Alleged Scam / Fraud Type: Alleged Mismanagement of Funds, Possible Scam Activities

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Estimate of Injured Parties:

1000+

Estimate Funds Stolen:

Unknown

Last Known Location of Funds:

The last known location of the funds is unclear as AstroX declared bankruptcy, making it difficult to ascertain their exact destination.

*See details in Blockchain Forensics/Fund Tracing Section of Report.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This investigation report aims to provide a detailed analysis and understanding of the recent sudden bankruptcy of the cryptocurrency project, AstroX. Despite raising a significant amount of funds, the project declared bankruptcy less than a year after its inception. The bankruptcy declaration has stirred considerable concern among the project's stakeholders and potential investors due to its abrupt nature and the presence of unaccounted funds.

Key findings from the initial investigation have revealed disproportionate spending, particularly in the areas of PR & Marketing. Other significant expenses include game development, platform listings, and external services, among others. Despite these expenditures, a substantial amount of the funds raised seems unaccounted for, indicating possible financial misappropriation.

The project also reported a considerable loss due to a blacklisted Liquidity Pool (LP), raising questions around potential mismanagement or financial impropriety. Given these red flags, coupled with the project's inability to pay its debts, a more extensive investigation is deemed necessary to decipher the factors contributing to AstroX's bankruptcy.

The evidence analyzed during this investigation was sourced from various resources, including the project's financial statements, presale data from GemPad, token and contract details, and transaction records. The report attempts to present a comprehensive view of the situation based on the analyzed data.

Please note that while every effort has been made to ensure accuracy and thoroughness, this report should not be regarded as legal or financial advice. Given the complexity of the situation and the inherent uncertainties associated with such investigations, we recommend seeking professional legal and financial advice for decision-making purposes.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

The intent was to penetrate the gaming industry by developing a blockchain-based gaming platform. The broader vision appeared to be the creation of a comprehensive ecosystem where users could accumulate tokens. Indications such as the allocation of funds for "game dev" and the mention of "Developed Game Code (Alpha Stage)" under non-tangibles imply that AstroX was likely targeting a gaming initiative. Despite raising between 2530 to 2580 BNB (equivalent to approximately \$700,000 USD) in less than a year, AstroX declared bankruptcy abruptly. This action, unexpected by its community, has led to considerable concern and suspicion.

The sudden bankruptcy, alongside a series of financial irregularities observed in the project's handling of funds, called for an in-depth investigation. Disproportionate spending, unaccounted funds, a significant loss attributed to a blacklisted Liquidity Pool (LP), and an inability to pay existing debts despite substantial fundraising are the primary concerns that formed the basis of this investigation.

GemPad, a notable player in this investigation, is a decentralized fundraising platform popular within the cryptocurrency sphere. It offers projects like AstroX a platform to raise funds through token presales. GemPad's involvement in AstroX's fundraising campaign, particularly its public sale in January 2023, makes it a critical component in understanding the project's financial history.





METHODOLOGY

This investigation was conducted by systematically collecting, evaluating, and analyzing available data and information related to AstroX's financial transactions, fund allocation, and operational activities. The investigative process was anchored on thoroughness, objectivity, and transparency.

- Data Collection: The primary sources of data were AstroX's financial history, as provided by the project's team, GemPad's token presale information, and transaction records from various blockchains and exchanges. Other data sources included the AstroX website, its official communications on Telegram, and information provided by related third parties.
- Blockchain Analysis: The investigation made extensive use of blockchain analysis to examine transaction records. Given the transparent nature of blockchain transactions, this technique allowed us to trace fund flows, identify addresses of interest, and investigate activities related to the blacklisted LP pool.
- Financial Analysis: The financial data were analyzed to understand AstroX's fund allocation, expenditure patterns, and financial state leading up to the bankruptcy. This process involved a detailed examination of expenditure categories, comparison of funds raised versus expenditures, and scrutiny of the project's balance sheet.
- Comparative Analysis: The project's financial practices were compared with standard practices in the industry. Wherever possible, reference was made to similar situations to contextualize AstroX's activities.

AstroX Website Policy Review

AstroX's website, a crucial interface for its communication with investors, notably displayed a stringent 'no refunds' policy regarding all BNB investment funds. This policy effectively eliminates any chances of investors recovering their funds in the event of project failure. It also disclaimed that none of the content on the website constituted financial advice, directing potential investors to their legal disclaimer before participating in any of the project's offerings. Furthermore, AstroX retained the right to modify any special offers without advance notification, citing the long-term interests of the project. This policy, while seemingly safeguarding the project, indicates a lack of financial transparency, raising concerns about the project's financial integrity and management.

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Financial Overview

The investigation into AstroX's financial dealings, fund-raising campaigns, and major expenditures provided a comprehensive understanding of the project's monetary operations and the eventual circumstances that led to its bankruptcy. It is critical to note that the following analysis is based on the data made available by AstroX and other parties, and it is subjected to their accuracy.

Funds Raised and Expenses:

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DATES			USD	NOTES
	Total Funds Raised	2530-2580 BNB	\$700,000.00	
Sept 2022	Private Sale Raise	900 BNB	\$247,500.00	Private Sale through website
Late 2022	Private Sale Raise #2	900 BNB	\$247,500.00	Private Sale through website
Jan 2023	Public Sale #1	180 BNB	\$222,750.00	GemPad
February 2023	Revenue Based Staking Pool	500 BNB	\$137,500.00	Private Sale through website - buyers in this round were promised revenue injected from the game (reward for token holding)
2023	OTC Deals	50-100 BNB	\$20,000.00	OTC
	PR & Marketing		\$500000 (All Undeinably Verifiable)	
	Game/utility/website/dapps/research		\$50,000.00	
	Bitmart listing + LP		\$45,000.00	
	Super Ex Listing + LP		\$20,000.00	
	cmc/cg/ca correttions for cmc		\$15000 (Got Fleeced From Original Team Member)	
	Admin/Accounting/ Mods		\$10,000.00	
	Game Dev		49200 (\$16950 OUTSTANDING)	
	CEO Salarys		\$20,000.00	
	Certik		\$18,000.00	
	Solidity Devs		\$6,500.00	
	Market Making Team		\$15,000.00	
	Black Listed LP Pool	180 BNB LOST	\$47,700.00	
	Director capital introduced			\$15,000.00
	Director - line of credit			\$5,000.00
	Total Spent			
	Remaining Short Fall			

Fund-Raising Campaigns

AstroX embarked on its fundraising journey in September 2022, leveraging multiple avenues to amass substantial funding. The project's fundraising initiatives, broken down by phase, are as follows:

- **Private Sales (2022)**: In its initial stage, AstroX conducted two private sales. Each sale accrued approximately 900 BNB, amounting to nearly \$495,000 USD.
- **Public Sale via GemPad (January 2023)**: The public sale through GemPad proved to be successful, bringing in an additional 180 BNB or approximately \$222,750 USD.
- **Revenue-based Staking Pool (February 2023):** An additional source of revenue was a staking pool, which amassed 500 BNB or around \$137,500 USD.
- Over-The-Counter (OTC) Deals (Throughout 2023): Finally, OTC deals facilitated an estimated income of between 50-100 BNB, roughly equivalent to \$20,000 USD.

The total funds raised through these initiatives are estimated to be between 2530 and 2580 BNB, which translates to around \$700,000 USD.

Major Expenditures

AstroX's expenditures predominantly targeted areas designed to bolster the project's growth and development. However, the allocation of these funds has raised significant questions due to apparent disparities in expenditure ratios and their correlation with the project's progress. Here is a breakdown of the expenditures:

- **PR & Marketing**: AstroX allocated a staggering \$500,000 to PR and Marketing efforts. This expenditure is disproportionately high compared to other areas of investment and brings into question the rationale behind such a hefty allocation.
- Game/Utility/Website/Dapps/Research: These pivotal areas saw an investment of \$50,000.
- **Listings & LP**: Bitmart listing and LP necessitated \$45,000, while Super Ex listing and LP required an additional \$20,000.
- Admin, Accounting, and Mods: An amount of \$10,000 was dedicated to administrative costs, including accounting and moderation.
- **Game Development**: Game development saw an investment of \$49,200 with an outstanding payable of \$16,950.
- CEO's Salary: The CEO's salary was set at \$20,000.
- External Services: Services such as Certik and Solidity Devs were paid \$18,000 and \$6,500, respectively.
- Market Making Team: The market-making team was compensated with \$15,000.
- Loss due to Blacklisted LP Pool: A notable loss of 180 BNB (approximately \$47,700) was reportedly due to a blacklisted LP pool.

Current Balance Sheet



Given these details, it's clear that AstroX's financial practices, especially in regard to expenditure allocation and loss management, necessitate a closer look. The next sections will delve further into these aspects and offer a more comprehensive understanding of the financial landscape of AstroX.

Review of Tokenomics and Presale

The tokenomics of a project can reveal the financial architecture and economic considerations that were part of its foundational blueprint. In the case of AstroX, the tokenomics and presale details provide an insight into the intended financial structure and the execution of their initial token offering.

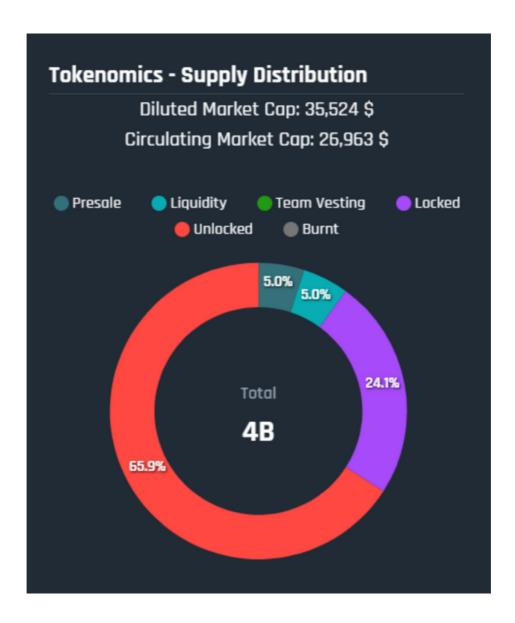
- **Tokenomics**: AstroX's native token, known as ATX, was designed with a total supply of 4,000,000,000. The distribution of this supply offers a window into AstroX's financial structuring and allocation decisions:
- **Presale Allocation**: 5% of the total supply, amounting to 199,999,980 tokens, was allocated for presale.
- **Liquidity Provision**: An equal amount was set aside for liquidity purposes. This allocation indicates a planned balance between raising funds and ensuring market operations.
- Locked Tokens: 24.1% of the total tokens were locked, reducing the immediately available supply in the market.
- **Unlocked Tokens**: Conversely, 65.9% of tokens were kept unlocked, facilitating a greater volume of immediate transactions.
- **Team Vesting**: Interestingly, no tokens were specifically allocated for team vesting, a practice often seen in other projects to align team incentives with project success.

Presale Address	OxODAF755f07DDdf24AEa6ECC4F9a3b05115daC50f Do not send BNB directly to the presale address!
Token Name	AstroX
Token Symbol	XTA
Total Supply	4,000,000,000
Tokens For Presale	199,999,980
Tokens For Liquidity	199,999,980
Soft Cap	90 BNB
Hard Cap	180 BNB
Unused Tokens	Refund
Presale Start Time (UTC)	2023-01-17 12:00
Presale End Time (UTC)	2023-01-18 12:00
Liquidity Percent	100 %
Liquidity Unlock Time (UTC)	2023-05-28 13:00

Presale Information

AstroX initiated its presale on GemPad, with explicit details provided regarding the token, presale specifics, and liquidity terms:

- **Token Details**: The token name (AstroX), token symbol (ATX), total supply, and the decimals (18) were specified in the presale information.
- **Presale Parameters**: The presale aimed to raise between 90 BNB (soft cap) and 180 BNB (hard cap). The presale period was set to start on January 17, 2023, and end on January 18, 2023.
- **Liquidity Terms**: Liquidity was set at 100%, indicating all tokens not sold during the presale would be locked into the liquidity pool. The liquidity was scheduled to unlock on May 28, 2023.



It is critical to highlight the dilution factor evident in AstroX's tokenomics. A diluted market cap of \$35,524 and a circulating market cap of \$26,963, against a total fundraise of approximately \$700,000, raises questions about the token valuation and market sentiment.

Analysis of Contract Overview

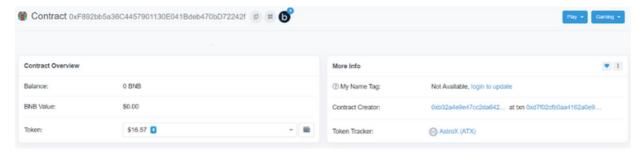
Contracts are integral in the blockchain world, and they form the backbone of any token or coin's operations. They govern transactions, create rules, and in essence, shape the token's behavior on the blockchain. Given their critical role, an analysis of the contract associated with the AstroX (ATX) token is paramount.

Token and Contract Details:

- Token Address: The token address for AstroX is 0xF892bb5a36C4457901130E041Bdeb470bD72242f. This address is the unique identifier of the AstroX token on the blockchain.
- Contract Address QR Code:



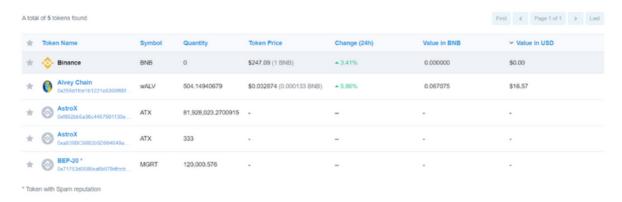
- **Token Name and Symbol**: The token name is 'AstroX', and its symbol is 'ATX'. These are the identifiers that users see on wallets and exchanges.
- **Decimals:** The number of decimals is set at 18. This is a standard for most ERC-20 tokens, providing flexibility in transactions and exchanges.
- Owner: The owner of the contract is the address 0x840...891. The owner typically has administrative permissions, such as the ability to pause transactions, change the contract, or even destroy the token in some cases. The owner's identity can sometimes provide insights into the operation and management of the project.
- **Balance:** The contract holds a balance of 0 BNB, which translates to a USD value of \$0.00. This balance refers to the amount of BNB that the contract currently holds. The zero balance might imply that all the funds raised have been moved or used.



• **Token Value:** At the time of this report, the value of the AstroX token in BNB or USD is not provided, possibly due to a lack of trading or price discovery for the token.

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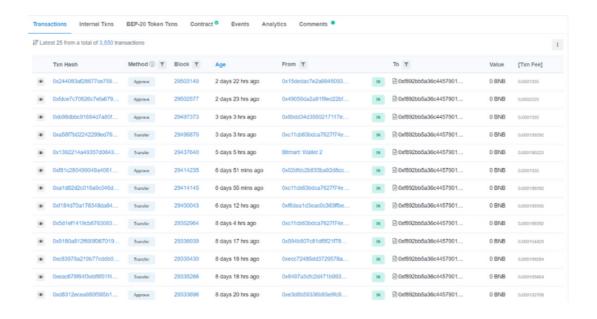
Moreover, it's worth noting that the contract holds 16.77 of other token contracts, including Binance (BNB), Alvey Chain (wALV), AstroX (ATX), and BEP-20 (MGRT). The only token with a discernible value is Alvey Chain (wALV), with 504.14940679 tokens amounting to approximately \$16.77. However, it is important to highlight that BEP-20 (MGRT) has been marked as a token with a spam reputation. This indicates that it has been widely distributed to numerous addresses and should be approached with caution.



In essence, the contract overview analysis reveals that the AstroX project seems to be depleted of BNB resources. The analysis also shows a multitude of other tokens held, suggesting interactions and transactions with various other projects. However, the impact or purpose of these other tokens within the AstroX ecosystem requires further investigation.

Transaction Review

In a blockchain-based project, transactions serve as an indelible ledger of all actions taken. They form a history of the token's movement, revealing vital details about the project's operation, money flow, and possibly even the intentions of its administrators. In the case of AstroX, a total of 3,550 transactions have been recorded.



To conduct a comprehensive review of these transactions, we need to examine both the volume and the nature of these operations. Below are the key areas to consider:

- Volume of Transactions: The sheer volume of transactions can reveal a lot about the activity level of a project. With 3,550 transactions, it shows that AstroX has had a substantial level of activity. The frequency and timing of these transactions could also give insights into the project's operation stages.
- Nature of Transactions: It is essential to categorize these transactions to discern their nature.
 Categories might include fund transfers to and from the contract, interactions with other contracts, minting of new tokens, or burning of existing ones. The dominant type of transaction could give us clues about the project's primary activities.
- **Transaction Values:** The values involved in each transaction could also offer insights. Large, infrequent transactions might suggest significant fund transfers or expenditures, while smaller, frequent transactions might indicate regular operations or interactions with users.
- **Transaction Parties**: By examining the parties involved in the transactions, we may gain insights into the project's ecosystem. Frequent interactions with specific addresses could indicate partnerships, significant investors, or other integral players within the project.
- Outliers and Anomalies: Any outlier transactions, such as extremely high-value transfers or
 interactions with suspicious addresses, should be investigated further. These could indicate
 potential red flags, such as fund misappropriation or involvement with fraudulent activities.

AstroX's Response

AstroX's response to their current financial state and the findings of our investigation has been issued through a public statement to their community. The response shows an apparent intention towards transparency, with the team acknowledging the mistakes made throughout the project's lifetime and declaring bankruptcy. They outlined the series of technical and operational challenges that they encountered, which they believe led to this predicament. Their attempts to salvage the project, they explained, proved unsuccessful and resulted in severe stress and depression among the team members. They further cited the failed launch of an Instant Messaging product as a contributing factor to their downfall. Despite their acknowledgement, the veracity of the issues mentioned in AstroX's response needs to be validated, and a thorough audit remains critical to clarify the extent of the identified financial and operational problems.

*Find screenshot below



Key Findings

Our investigation into AstroX's abrupt bankruptcy, following its significant fundraising activities, has yielded several key findings. These findings encompass discrepancies in financial management, possible fund misappropriation, and other management issues.

- Disproportionate Spending on Marketing and PR: AstroX reported a significant amount of \$500,000 spent on PR and Marketing, an unusually high proportion of the total funds raised. This massive spending raises questions about the efficiency and prioritization of fund allocation within the project.
- Unaccounted Funds: Despite raising an estimated total of \$700,000, there is a large portion of funds that remains unaccounted for, even after summing up the reported expenditures. This discrepancy poses a serious concern about the project's financial transparency and opens up the possibility of misappropriation.
- Blacklisted LP Pool Loss: The project reported a substantial loss of 180 BNB (approximately \$47,700) due to a blacklisted LP pool. This occurrence is unclear and could potentially point to mismanagement or even intentional financial misconduct.

Key Findings

- Insolvency Despite Significant Fundraising: AstroX has declared insolvency and an inability to continue with the project, even after raising significant funds. This contradiction is concerning and brings into question the project's financial management practices.
- Questionable Tokenomics and Presale Arrangements: Our review of the tokenomics and presale data has raised several questions. The specifics of the token supply distribution, the parameters of the presale, and the subsequent handling of the tokens are areas that demand closer scrutiny.
- Inadequate Contract and Transaction Transparency: A review of the contract and transaction data indicates potential issues in transparency. The contract's owner, the handling of token values, and the nature and pattern of the transactions require a more detailed investigation.

SUMMARY / CONCLUSION

Our investigation into AstroX has unveiled several concerning issues, including potential misappropriation of funds, financial impropriety, and severe operational mismanagement. The project's declaration of bankruptcy, despite substantial fundraising, raises significant doubts about its financial sustainability and the legitimacy of its expenses.

The implications of these findings are severe and multi-faceted, including the potential for legal repercussions for the project's team and possible financial losses for the investors.

In light of these findings, we recommend immediate actions to protect investor interests and restore confidence in the project if it is to continue. Further, a thorough legal and financial audit of AstroX's activities is necessary to understand the full extent of the issues identified and implement appropriate remedial measures.

RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS / NEXT STEPS FOR ADVERSELY AFFECTED PARTIES

The situation of AstroX raises numerous concerns and prompts immediate actions for affected parties. Based on the facts and analysis presented, the following steps are recommended:

- 1. Document and Keep Records: Adversely affected parties should ensure they have complete and detailed records of all their transactions related to AstroX. This includes the purchase of tokens, communications, announcements, and any correspondence with the AstroX team. These documents may prove crucial in any legal proceedings or further investigations.
- 2. Report to The Following Regulatory Bodies:
 - a. Action Fraud: https://reporting.actionfraud.police.uk/login
 - b. The Financial Conduct Authority: https://www.fca.org.uk/
 - c.U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission: https://www.sec.gov/tcr
 - d. Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3): https://www.ic3.gov/Home/ComplaintChoice
 - e. Federal Trade Commission: http://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov/
- 3. **Legal Counsel**: It may be necessary to seek legal counsel, especially if the funds invested were substantial. Lawyers specialized in cryptocurrency and blockchain could provide necessary guidance about possible legal recourse and represent affected parties in court, if necessary.
- 4. **Community Action:** Affected parties should consider joining or forming groups with other victims. These groups can share information, pool resources, and even organize collective legal action.
- 5. **Continued Monitoring and Vigilance:** Keep an eye on any announcements from AstroX and any movements in related wallet addresses. This vigilance can lead to additional insights and could be crucial in an ongoing and evolving situation.

While this situation is unfortunate and poses significant challenges, the steps outlined above provide a path forward. The goal is not only to seek possible remediation but also to enhance regulatory measures, increase transparency, and bolster confidence in the crypto space.



NEXT STEPS FOR ASSURE DEFI

- 1. **Guidance on Additional Reports:** Considering the extent of the financial inconsistencies observed, Assure will provide guidance on additional appropriate jurisdictions and agencies where aggrieved parties can file their reports as applicable. This includes understanding the right channels, the process involved, and the type of information required.
- 2. Law Enforcement Cooperation: Assure stands ready to fully cooperate with any law enforcement agencies, including providing further information or analysis upon official requests. Our aim is to assist in achieving a just outcome for all affected parties.
- 3. **Ongoing Surveillance:** Assure will continue its vigilant surveillance of AstroX's activities and will alert the community to any significant developments that could impact them.

RESOURCES

If you have additional information related to this case, please submit via Assure DeFi's scam reporting form using the following link:

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