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## BLOCKCHAIN FOR SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS FORUM

December 3-4, 2018

The Magnolia Hotel, Downton, Houston, Texas

Organized by the University of Houston and Blockchain Technology Initiatives



## **Distinguished Faculty Speakers**

**Daryl Price Jr**, Hyperconverged Infrastructure Specialist, **VMware Inc**; former San Francisco

**49'er**

**Dr. Tyler Smith**, Director, **Viant**, a **ConsenSys** formation

**Bill McBeath**, Chief Research Officer, **ChainLink Research**

**Srini Vasan**, President, **eShipGlobal**

**Ojas Wadivkar**, Managing Director, Chemicals, **Accenture**

**Cody Burns**, Enterprise Blockchain Architect, **Accenture**

**Dharma Rajah**, Global Executive Business Transformation, **Deloitte**

**Eric Johnson**, Senior Technology Editor, **IHS Markit**

**Kyle Wood**, Senior Counsel, Technology Transaction and Blockchain Group, **Perkins Coie**

**Rajat Rajbhandari**, Co-founder, **dexFreight**

**Vincent Annunziato**, Director of Office of Trade Transformation, **U.S. Customs & Border Protection**

**Dr. Dale Tibodeau**, Professor of Supply Chain Management, **C. T. Bauer College of Business**

**Gavin Nicol**, Chief Technology Officer, **Context Labs**

**Chris Bassett**, Senior Manager, Global Insurance Advisory, **Ernst and Young**

**Dr. Claudio Limo**, Co-Founder, **BEC-Blockchain Engineering Council**

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**Harris Reynolds**, Director Research & Development, **Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc**

**Jim Lawnin**, Co-Founder, **Energy Blockchain Consortium**

**Annette Mueller**, Senior Commercial Manager, North America, **Maersk TradeLens, Inc.**

**Kevin Otto**, Sr Dir of Foodservice Industry Development & Cross-Industry Blockchain Lead, **GS1**

**Sloane Brakeville**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, **Fr8 Network**

**Dr. Ganesh Wadawadigi**, Chief Solutions Expert, Blockchain for Supply Chain, **SAP**

**Sujatha Kumar**, Founder & Managing Partner, **Ayatis**

**Chris Gabriel**, Founder, **Hyperchain Labs**

**Brendan Abbott**, Senior Manager, Blockchain, Govt and Public Affairs, **Deloitte**



**Monday, December 3, 2018**

**8:00 Registration & Networking**

**8:50 BTI President Welcome  
Emcee/Chairman Introduction**

**Confirmed:**

**Daryl Price Jr**, Hyperconverged Infrastructure Specialist, **VMware Inc**; former **San Francisco 49'er**

**9:00 Starting the Future Today: Supply Chain and Blockchain Overview**

- Taking a look into today's blockchain landscape and its impact on the supply chain industry: Who's adopting right now and what is the projected return on investment?
- What potential regulations are on the horizon?
- Understanding the true potential of converging emerging technologies and its effect on the supply chain as we know it
- Preparing your logistics business to take advantage of blockchain solutions to build improved and robust supply chains to meet future needs

**Confirmed:**

**Ojas Wadivkar**, Managing Director, Chemicals, **Accenture**

**Cody Burns**, Enterprise Blockchain Architect, **Accenture**

**9:30 On-Chain vs. Off-Chain: Rationalizing Blockchains with Existing Systems**

- Core tenets of blockchain for supply chain
- Supply chain applications of blockchain—types of supply chain-related problems that blockchain is good at solving
- Coexistence—How blockchains will coexist and work in concert with existing mature supply chain systems, as well as with new emerging technologies?
- Network SaaS platforms—what they are and how they already do most of what blockchains promise to do
- Combining blockchain with Network SaaS systems to get the best of both worlds

**Confirmed:**

**Bill McBeath**, Chief Research Officer, **ChainLink Research**

**10:00 Coffee/Networking Break**

**Case Study**

**10:30 Customizing Blockchains: Permissioned vs Permissionless**

- Understanding the different characteristics between blockchains and their limitations to meet organizational goals
- What data should be added to the distributed-ledger and how to manage its administration
- Customizing security settings to determine who can connect, send, and receive transactions, and create digital assets
- Capitalizing on the value of a larger network while ensuring data confidentiality

**Confirmed:**

**Brendan Abbott**, Senior Manager, Blockchain, Government and Public Services, **Deloitte**

**Case Study**

**11.00 How to Realize Cost Savings by Introducing Track and Trace Systems on a Blockchain**

- Adopting digital tools to facilitate improved communication, meet reporting requirements and minimize paperwork
- Changing business by introducing accurate track and trace systems and enabling streamlined communication across the value chain
- Implementing distributed-ledger in the product serialization process for better product authentication

**Confirmed:**

**Dr. Tyler Smith**, Director, **Viant**, a **ConsenSys** formation

## **Case Study**

### **11:30 Digitizing Global Trade - Moving More than Cargo**

- Optimizing performance and improving customer-and-stakeholder relations in the international shipping industry
- Utilizing blockchain's immutable proof to confidently digitalize the identity of assets, transactions and users
- Boosting global trade with a secure open data exchange platform
- Creating greater transparency to improve working relationships with shippers, partners and regulators

**Confirmed:**

**Annette Mueller**, TradeLens North America Senior Commercial Manager, **Maersk GTD Inc.**

**12:00 Lunch**

## **Case Study**

### **13:00 Customs Border and Protection: Optimizing American Free Trade with Blockchain**

- Simplifying the verification process for certificates of origin used by North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) participating countries
- Establishing standards of interaction between different blockchains to ensure easy connections between businesses and customs
- Ensuring a complete technical and regulatory framework to simplify cargo processing
- Implementing a standard for blockchain interoperability

**Confirmed:**

**Vincent Annunziato**, Director of Office of Trade Transformation, **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

### **13:30 End-to-End Supply Chain in Oil & Gas Drilling Operations**

- How Blockchain will improve operations efficiency of O&G upstream supply chain
- What are the challenges and benefits for automated Blockchain-enabled O&G drilling operations
- How companies can position with Blockchain in upstream O&G

**Confirmed:**

**Dr. Claudio Lima**, Co-Founder, **BEC-Blockchain Engineering Council**

### **14:00 Developing Corporate Leadership to Bring Blockchain to Business**

- Identifying which departments should be involved in the blockchain conversation
- Selecting strategic personnel to represent relevant departments for aligning initiatives
- Determining clear interdepartmental objectives and evaluating the risk of investment vs company benefits
- Rethinking business processes and re-engineering the organization to leverage technologies and drive competitive advantage

**Confirmed:**

**Dharma Rajah**, Global Executive Business Transformation, **Deloitte**

**14:30 The Importance of Governance in a Permissioned Blockchain**

- Network Permissioned blockchain governance basics
- Getting it right the first time
- Governance for antitrust compliance
- Channels and Private Data Network Identity management: Can't fake it, can't break it

**Confirmed:**

**Chris Gabriel**, Founder **Hyperchain Labs**

**15:00 Coffee & Networking Break**

**15:15 Planning and Executing a Proof-of-Concept**

- Identifying an area of the supply chain to validate a Proof-of-Concept (POC) project with the least amount of disruptions
- Keeping a POC light in scope and minimizing legal interventions and other administrative processes
- Selecting resources that make sense and including all relevant parties up-and-down the chain during the decision-making process
- Testing real data in a simulated, isolated environment and analyzing the outcomes
- Restarting from the ground up while simultaneously leveraging data collected from a successful POC to better design a next step pilot project

**Confirmed:**

**Srini Vasan**, President, **eShipGlobal**

**Panel Discussion**

**13:45 Lessons Learned: Getting Started with Blockchain Today - Advice for Early Adoption**

- Weighing the tangible and intangible costs and benefits of blockchain investment
- Deciding whether to create a blockchain or join an existing one
- Building a business case for internal and external stakeholder buy-in
- Developing strategies to address roadblocks as they arise during the planning process

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**16:30 Closing Remarks**

**16:45 Reception**

**18:00 End of Conference Day One**



**Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

**8:00 Coffee & Networking**

**8:55 Opening Remarks**

**Emcee/Chairman**

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**9:00 Enabling Better Food Safety for Conscious Consumption**

- Developing agile systems to identify, isolate and address quality control issues due to changes in agriculture practices, food production and the environment
- Designing sustainable, transparent food systems for consumers to know where their food comes from, the companies behind it, and the farmers who grow it
- Detailing the impact of ever greater levels of knowledge-sharing that foster increased collaboration within the food industry

**Confirmed:**

**Dr. Ganesh Wadawadigi**, Chief Solution Expert, Blockchain for Supply Chain, **SAP**

**Case Study**

**9:30 Blockchain Applications in EPC Companies**

- Disrupting the EPC industry through overall digitization across its value chain
- Orchestrating and driving ROI through IOT enabled blockchain in specific use cases
- Leveraging blockchain from engineering, design, and procurement to asset tracking during execution to compliance and project warranty
- Differentiating business models, efficiencies in productivity gains and visibility in operations

**Confirmed:**

**Sujatha Kumar**, Founder & Managing Partner, **Ayatis**

**Case Study**

**10:00 Making the Case for Interoperability and Developing Blockchain-Based Industry Standards**

- Designing standards to represent, transmit, and access information in a blockchain and leveraging on existing standards
- Integrating and standardizing QR codes, blockchain, and web Uniform Resource Identifiers to meet growing consumer expectations
- Realizing benefits of real-time, data sharing across corporate boundaries that ensures compatibility, speed, accuracy, and efficiency
- Detailing the benefits of interoperability for scaling the value of blockchain
- Collaborating internationally to develop standards and enable interoperability

**Confirmed:**

**Kevin Otto**, Senior Director of Foodservice Industry Development & Cross-Industry Blockchain Lead, **GS1 US**

**10:30 Coffee & Networking Break**

**Panel Discussion**



#### **10:45 Strength in Numbers - Benefits of a Consortium**

- Learning from existing consortia, their current status, accomplishments, and future plans
- Weighing the benefits of joining a business-focused vs. technology-focused consortium
- Exploring the technological and financial benefits of participating in different consortia
- Benefiting from consortium networks and accessing the full potential of the blockchain

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#### **Case Study**

#### **11:30 Implementing Blockchain in the Port of Veracruz, Mexico's Third Busiest Sea Port**

- Analyzing value propositions and exploring where and how blockchain technology fits into a port operational environment
- Strategically minimizing risks and over expectations in developing a proof of concept
- Outlining and identifying the challenges and opportunities of implementing blockchain for container exports

**Confirmed:**

**Dr. Rajat Rajbhandari**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder, **dexFreight**

#### **12:00 Designing Digital Supply Chains of the Future**

- Developing and prioritizing industry-specific and company specific roadmaps for blockchain adoption
- Converging technologies to enhance operational agility and drive competitive advantage through the use of AI, IoT and blockchain
- Using blockchain and IoT to create new supply chain and supporting cross-functional business processes to enable an array of new business models
- Future proofing your supply chain to be competitive in 5 or 10 years

**Confirmed:**

**Sloane Brakeville**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, **Fr8 Network**

#### **12:30 Lunch and Networking**

#### **13:30: Advancing Houston's Digital Tech Economy**

- Introduction to the Greater Houston region
- State of Houston's digital tech economy
- Digitization and transformation of Houston's industries

**Confirmed:**

**Susan Davenport**, Senior Vice President of Economic Development, **Greater Houston Partnership**

#### **Case Study**

#### **13:50 The Absence of Invoices in an Oil & Gas Drilling Business Network**

- Managing customer and supplier information when collaborating and working with the exactly the same information
- The advantages of having a network anchored on a blockchain with all parties on an identical digital ledger
- Improving supply chain efficiencies without sacrificing security or traceability
- Automating payments with smart contracts
- The journey of smart contracts for business accounting and other crucial business processes

**Confirmed:**

**Andrew Bruce**, Chief Executive Officer, **Data Gumbo**

**Harris Reynolds**, Director Research & Development, **Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc**

### **Case Study**

#### **14:20 The First Blockchain for Marine Insurance**

- Transitioning from blockchain pilot to profitable commercial operations
- Managing the ever-evolving risk landscape of marine hull insurance for more than 1,000 commercial vessels annually
- Turning complex processes into cost-saving business efficiencies for more than half a million automated ledger-transactions by utilizing smart contracts

**Confirmed:**

**Chris Bassett**, Senior Manager, Global Insurance Advisory, **Ernst and Young**

### **Panel Discussion**

#### **15:45 Understanding the Value and Advantages of Utilizing Smart Contracts Over Existing Methods**

- What does it mean to digitalize the contract process in regard to real-time delivery and exchange of custodies?
- Enabling transactional trust between parties through the use of an immutable ledger
- Understanding the implications of amending or voiding smart contracts
- Considering legal jurisdictions, enforceability issues, and preparing for future regulations

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#### **16:00 End of Conference**