



SWELL NETWORK

Swell Liquid Restaking Token

Smart Contract Security Assessment

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Introduction

Sigma Prime was commercially engaged to perform a time-boxed security review of the Swell Network LRT smart contracts. The review focused solely on the security aspects of the Solidity implementation of the contract, though general recommendations and informational comments are also provided.

Disclaimer

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Document Structure

The first section provides an overview of the functionality of the Swell Network LRT smart contracts contained within the scope of the security review. A summary followed by a detailed review of the discovered vulnerabilities is then given which assigns each vulnerability a severity rating (see [Vulnerability Severity Classification](#)), an *open/closed/resolved* status and a recommendation. Additionally, findings which do not have direct security implications (but are potentially of interest) are marked as *informational*.

Outputs of automated testing that were developed during this assessment are also included for reference (in the Appendix: [Test Suite](#)).

The appendix provides additional documentation, including the severity matrix used to classify vulnerabilities within the Swell Network LRT smart contracts.

Overview

Swell LRT is an Ethereum liquid restaking protocol. It provides users with a non custodial means of liquid restaking via a transferable ERC-20 token called *rswETH*. This protocol is powered by EigenLayer and its EigenPod service.

This review covers the launch of the liquid restaking token *rswETH* from the previous version of the protocol, which was a liquid staking token, *swETH*.

Security Assessment Summary

Scope

The scope of this time-boxed review was strictly limited to changes between `v2-contracts-lrt` and `v3-contracts-lst` captured at the following [diff](#).

Note: third party libraries and dependencies, such as OpenZeppelin, were excluded from the scope of this assessment.

Approach

The review was conducted on the files hosted on the [Swell Network repository](#) at commit [97f2535](#).

The manual review focused on identifying issues associated with the business logic implementation of the contracts. This includes their internal interactions, intended functionality and correct implementation with respect to the underlying functionality of the Ethereum Virtual Machine (for example, verifying correct storage/memory layout).

Additionally, the manual review process focused on identifying vulnerabilities related to known Solidity anti-patterns and attack vectors, such as re-entrancy, front-running, integer overflow/underflow and correct visibility specifiers.

For a more detailed, but non-exhaustive list of examined vectors, see [\[1, 2\]](#).

To support this review, the testing team also utilised the following automated testing tools:

- Mythril: <https://github.com/ConsenSys/mythril>
- Slither: <https://github.com/trailofbits/slither>
- Surya: <https://github.com/ConsenSys/surya>

Output for these automated tools is available upon request.

Coverage Limitations

Due to a time-boxed nature of this review, all documented vulnerabilities reflect best effort within the allotted, limited engagement time. As such, Sigma Prime recommends to further investigate areas of the code, and any related functionality, where majority of critical and high risk vulnerabilities were identified.

Findings Summary

The testing team identified a total of 4 issues during this assessment. Categorised by their severity:

- Low: 1 issue.
- Informational: 3 issues.

Detailed Findings

This section provides a detailed description of the vulnerabilities identified within the Swell Network smart contracts. Each vulnerability has a severity classification which is determined from the likelihood and impact of each issue by the matrix given in the Appendix: [Vulnerability Severity Classification](#).

A number of additional properties of the contracts, including gas optimisations, are also described in this section and are labelled as “informational”.

Each vulnerability is also assigned a **status**:

- **Open:** the issue has not been addressed by the project team.
- **Resolved:** the issue was acknowledged by the project team and updates to the affected contract(s) have been made to mitigate the related risk.
- **Closed:** the issue was acknowledged by the project team but no further actions have been taken.

Summary of Findings

ID	Description	Severity	Status
SLRT-01	Unexpected Reverts When Updating Operator Address	Low	Open
SLRT-02	Cumbersome Access Control Arrangement For Repricing Bot	Informational	Open
SLRT-03	Missing Events When Updating Operator	Informational	Open
SLRT-04	Miscellaneous General Comments	Informational	Open

SLRT-01	Unexpected Reverts When Updating Operator Address		
Asset	RswETH.sol		
Status	Open		
Rating	Severity: Low	Impact: Low	Likelihood: Low

Description

Updating an operator address to the same value via `updateOperatorControllingAddress()` will result in an unexpected revert.

If `updateOperatorControllingAddress()` is called with the same, valid, operator address for both arguments, it will update the operator to the same value it already has and then, on line [364], delete the entry in `getOperatorIdForAddress` for that address.

With this entry deleted, all calls to `_getOperatorIdSafe()` will revert for this operator address, and so all functions that call `_getOperatorIdSafe()` will revert for this operator. Of these, the most impactful is likely `addNewValidatorDetails()`, meaning the operator would not be able to add new validators.

This could be fixed by calling `addOperator()` to add the operator again, although the ID number would then be different, which might cause other issues.

This issue is mitigated by the fact that `updateOperatorControllingAddress()` is an admin function, and so is less likely to be called with bad arguments.

Recommendations

Consider adding a check to `updateOperatorControllingAddress()` which reverts or returns if the two arguments are the same as each other.

SLRT-02	Cumbersome Access Control Arrangement For Repricing Bot	
Asset	RswETH.sol	
Status	Open	
Rating	Informational	

Description

The access control on both `RswETH.reprice()` and `RepricingOracle.submitSnapshot()` check for the `SwellLib.BOT` role via `checkRole(SwellLib.BOT)`, even though the latter function calls the former. The development team confirmed that the bot should not call `RswETH.reprice()` directly.

Giving the `SwellLib.BOT` role to the `RepricingOracle` contract, which is not a bot, is misleading and could lead to errors.

It is also undesirable for the bot to have the ability to call `RswETH.reprice()` directly when this is not part of its intended function. If the bot was compromised or accidentally rolled back to an old version, this would allow it to bypass the checks in `RepricingOracle._assertRepricingSnapshotValidity()` and also avoid emitting the monitored events in `RepricingOracle.submitSnapshot()` when repricing.

Recommendations

Consider creating a `reprice` role for the function `RswETH.reprice()` and granting it to the repricing oracle and any other manually controlled addresses that are required for emergencies. This would also mean that only the bot has the `SwellLib.BOT` role.

SLRT-03	Missing Events When Updating Operator	
Asset	NodeOperatorRegistry.sol	
Status	Open	
Rating	Informational	

Description

The function `updateOperatorControllingAddress()` effectively adds and removes an operator addresses, but this is not reflected in events.

Chain monitoring tools that maintain a list of operators could have incorrect data when tracking the system's operator list via events.

Recommendations

Consider adding an event for the function `updateOperatorControllingAddress()` that emits both the old and new address for an operator.

SLRT-04	Miscellaneous General Comments	
Asset	contracts/*	
Status	Open	
Rating	Informational	

Description

This section details miscellaneous findings discovered by the testing team that do not have direct security implications:

1. Possible Snapshot Validity Checks

Related Asset(s): *RepricingOracle.sol*

In `_assertRepricingSnapshotValidity()`, consider checking that the consensus layer slot and the timestamp have each increased since the previous snapshot.

2. Check Zero Address

Related Asset(s): *RepricingOracle.sol*

Consider checking that the argument for `setExternalV3ReservesPoROracleAddress()` is not the zero address.

3. Function Can Be Called With Empty Parameters

Related Asset(s): *DepositManager.sol*

The function `setupValidators()` can be called with a zero length array for its parameter `_pubKeys`, in which case it sets up no validators and still emits the `ValidatorsSetup` event.

Consider whether this behaviour is desirable.

4. Inconsistent Contract Documentation

Related Asset(s): *RepricingOracle.sol*

There is no documentation for the `RepricingOracle` contract explaining its purpose.

Consider adding a brief contract documentation such that the reader quickly understands what the contract does and how/when it is used.

5. Values Could Be Constants

Related Asset(s): *DepositManager.sol*

(a) `depositAmount` from line [104] is a hard coded value and could be a constant.

(b) `DepositContract` from line [65] is a hard coded value and could be a constant.

6. Unused Import

Related Asset(s): *DepositManager.sol*

Consider removing the unused import of `AddressUpgradeable` in `DepositManager`.

Recommendations

Ensure that the comments are understood and acknowledged, and consider implementing the suggestions above.

Appendix A Test Suite

A non-exhaustive list of tests were constructed to aid this security review and are given along with this document. The `forge` framework was used to perform these tests and the output is given below.

```
Running 1 test for src/contracts/mocks/MockRepricingOracleForUpgrade.sol:MockRepricingOracleForUpgrade
[PASS] testValue() (gas: 2366)
Test result: ok. 1 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 1.64ms
```

```
Running 1 test for test/Repricing.t.sol:RepricingTest
[PASS] testRepricingTotalReserves() (gas: 810)
Test result: ok. 1 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 9.73ms
```

```
Running 32 tests for test/AccessControlManager.t.sol:AccessControlManagerTest
[PASS] test_Deployment() (gas: 31262)
[PASS] test_Getters() (gas: 12727)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_pauseBotMethods_AlreadyPaused() (gas: 28428)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_pauseBotMethods_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 79332)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_pauseCoreMethods_AlreadyPaused() (gas: 28490)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_pauseCoreMethods_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 79309)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_pauseOperatorMethods_AlreadyPaused() (gas: 28443)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_pauseOperatorMethods_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 79377)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_pauseWithdrawals_AlreadyPaused() (gas: 22535)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_pauseWithdrawals_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 79418)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_setDepositManager_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 79482)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_setDepositManager_WithZeroAddress() (gas: 20475)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_setNodeOperatorRegistry_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 79525)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_setNodeOperatorRegistry_WithZeroAddress() (gas: 20562)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_setRswETH_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 79571)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_setRswETH_WithZeroAddress() (gas: 20476)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_setSwellTreasury_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 79493)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_setSwellTreasury_WithZeroAddress() (gas: 20486)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_unpauseOperatorMethods_AlreadyPaused() (gas: 22434)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_unpauseOperatorMethods_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 79375)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_unpauseWithdrawals_AlreadyPaused() (gas: 28450)
[PASS] test_RevertWhen_unpauseWithdrawals_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 79330)
[PASS] test_pauseBotMethods_HappyPath() (gas: 27739)
[PASS] test_pauseCoreMethods_HappyPath() (gas: 27803)
[PASS] test_pauseOperatorMethods_HappyPath() (gas: 27818)
[PASS] test_pauseWithdrawals_HappyPath() (gas: 28268)
[PASS] test_setDepositManager_HappyPath() (gas: 30220)
[PASS] test_setNodeOperatorRegistry_HappyPath() (gas: 30243)
[PASS] test_setRswETH_HappyPath() (gas: 30166)
[PASS] test_setSwellTreasury_HappyPath() (gas: 30132)
[PASS] test_unpauseOperatorMethods_HappyPath() (gas: 28194)
[PASS] test_unpauseWithdrawals_HappyPath() (gas: 27775)
Test result: ok. 32 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 25.93ms
```

```
Running 22 tests for test/NodeOperatorRegistry.t.sol:NodeOperatorRegistryTest
[PASS] testNorAddNewValidatorDetailsErrors() (gas: 344545)
[PASS] testNorAddNewValidatorDetailsVanilla() (gas: 491209)
[PASS] testNorAddOperator() (gas: 170863)
[PASS] testNorCheckZeroAddress() (gas: 3989198)
[PASS] testNorDeleteActiveValidatorsErrors() (gas: 2021320)
[PASS] testNorDeleteActiveValidatorsVanilla() (gas: 1815020)
[PASS] testNorDeletePendingValidatorsErrors() (gas: 1920390)
[PASS] testNorDeletePendingValidatorsVanilla() (gas: 1794486)
[PASS] testNorDisableEnableOperator() (gas: 119995)
[PASS] testNorFallback() (gas: 15655)
[PASS] testNorGetNextValidatorDetails() (gas: 2351265)
[PASS] testNorGetPoRAddressList() (gas: 2476815)
[PASS] testNorGetRewardDetailsForOperatorId() (gas: 2044339)
[PASS] testNorInitialize() (gas: 17060)
[PASS] testNorReceive() (gas: 23631)
[PASS] testNorUpdateOperatorControllingAddress() (gas: 128533)
[PASS] testNorUpdateOperatorName() (gas: 82967)
```

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[PASS] testNorUpdateOperatorRewardAddress() (gas: 98941)
[PASS] testNorUsePubKeysForValidatorSetupErrors() (gas: 2107453)
[PASS] testNorUsePubKeysForValidatorSetupVanilla() (gas: 2142792)
[PASS] testNorWithdrawERC20() (gas: 262742)
[PASS] testPocUpdateOperatorToSelf() (gas: 156692)
Test result: ok. 22 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 29.93ms
```

```
Running 9 tests for test/DepositManager.t.sol:DepositManagerTest
[PASS] testDmCheckZeroAddress() (gas: 1972366)
[PASS] testDmCreateEigenPod() (gas: 453046)
[PASS] testDmFallback() (gas: 15652)
[PASS] testDmInitialize() (gas: 20848)
[PASS] testDmReceive() (gas: 26461)
[PASS] testDmSetupValidatorsEmpty() (gas: 571470)
[PASS] testDmSetupValidatorsErrors() (gas: 348732)
[PASS] testDmSetupValidatorsVanilla() (gas: 748810)
[PASS] testDmWithdrawERC20() (gas: 253547)
Test result: ok. 9 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 29.97ms
```

```
Running 11 tests for test/RepricingOracle.t.sol:RepricingOracleTest
[PASS] testRoAssertRepricingSnapshotValidityErrors() (gas: 111283)
[PASS] testRoAssertRepricingSnapshotValidityVanilla() (gas: 53543)
[PASS] testRoCheckZeroAddress() (gas: 1725567)
[PASS] testRoFallback() (gas: 15630)
[PASS] testRoInitialize() (gas: 22978)
[PASS] testRoReceive() (gas: 23513)
[PASS] testRoSetExternalV3ReservesPoROracleAddress() (gas: 43382)
[PASS] testRoSetMaximumRepriceBlockAtSnapshotStaleness() (gas: 40933)
[PASS] testRoSetMaximumRepriceV3ReservesExternalPoRDiffPercentage() (gas: 40835)
[PASS] testRoSubmitSnapshot() (gas: 658289)
[PASS] testRoWithdrawERC20() (gas: 262447)
Test result: ok. 11 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 30.18ms
```

```
Running 22 tests for test/RswETH.t.sol:RswETHTest
[PASS] test_depositWithReferral_HappyPath_OneDepositer() (gas: 145360)
[PASS] test_deposit_FuzzedValue(uint256) (runs: 1000, u: 148818, ~: 148818)
[PASS] test_deposit_HappyPath_NDepositors() (gas: 204086)
[PASS] test_deposit_HappyPath_OneDepositer() (gas: 145101)
[PASS] test_deposit_HappyPath_OneDepositer_CoreMethodsPaused() (gas: 53735)
[PASS] test_deposit_HappyPath_OneDepositer_ZeroAmount() (gas: 42150)
[PASS] test_ethToRswETHRate_HappyPath() (gas: 15190)
[PASS] test_getRate_HappyPath() (gas: 16475)
[PASS] test_reprice_HappyPath() (gas: 2252609)
[PASS] test_rswETHToETHRate_HappyPath() (gas: 14892)
[PASS] test_setMaximumRepriceDifferencePercentage_HappyPath() (gas: 42267)
[PASS] test_setMaximumRepriceDifferencePercentage_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 92035)
[PASS] test_setMaximumRepricerswETHDifferencePercentage_HappyPath() (gas: 42254)
[PASS] test_setMaximumRepricerswETHDifferencePercentage_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 92079)
[PASS] test_setMinimumRepriceTime_HappyPath() (gas: 37453)
[PASS] test_setMinimumRepriceTime_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 92046)
[PASS] test_setNodeOperatorRewardPercentage_HappyPath() (gas: 45964)
[PASS] test_setNodeOperatorRewardPercentage_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 95631)
[PASS] test_setNodeOperatorRewardPercentage_Overflow() (gas: 36738)
[PASS] test_setSwellTreasuryRewardPercentage_HappyPath() (gas: 46009)
[PASS] test_setSwellTreasuryRewardPercentage_NonAdminCaller() (gas: 95587)
[PASS] test_setSwellTreasuryRewardPercentage_Overflow() (gas: 36652)
Test result: ok. 22 passed; 0 failed; 0 skipped; finished in 140.85ms
```

Appendix B Vulnerability Severity Classification

This security review classifies vulnerabilities based on their potential impact and likelihood of occurrence. The total severity of a vulnerability is derived from these two metrics based on the following matrix.

Impact				
High		Medium	High	Critical
Medium		Low	Medium	High
Low		Low	Low	Medium
		Low	Medium	High
		Likelihood		

Table 1: Severity Matrix - How the severity of a vulnerability is given based on the *impact* and the *likelihood* of a vulnerability.

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