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Ellipsis Finance Process Quality Review

Score: 60%

Overview

This is a [Ellipsis Finance](#) Process Quality Review completed on July 8th 2021. It was performed using the Process Review process (version 0.7.3) and is documented [here](#). The review was performed by Nic of DeFiSafety. Check out our [Telegram](#).

The final score of the review is 60%, a close fail. The breakdown of the scoring is in [Scoring Appendix](#). For our purposes, a pass is 70%.

Summary of the Process

Very simply, the review looks for the following declarations from the developer's site. With these declarations, it is reasonable to trust the smart contracts.

- **Here are my smart contracts on the blockchain**
- **Here is the documentation that explains what my smart contracts do**
- **Here are the tests I ran to verify my smart contract**
- **Here are the audit(s) performed on my code by third party experts**
- **Here are the admin controls and strategies**

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Chain

This section indicates the blockchain used by this protocol.

Chain: Binance Smart Chain

Guidance:

Ethereum
Binance Smart Chain
Polygon

Code and Team

This section looks at the code deployed on the Mainnet that gets reviewed and its corresponding software repository. The document explaining these questions is [here](#). This review will answer the questions;

- 1) Are the executing code addresses readily available? (%)
- 2) Is the code actively being used? (%)
- 3) Is there a public software repository? (Y/N)
- 4) Is there a development history visible? (%)
- 5) Is the team public (not anonymous)? (Y/N)

1) Are the executing code addresses readily available? (%)

Answer: 100%

They are available at website <https://docs.ellipsis.finance/deployment-links> as indicated in the [Appendix](#).

Guidance:

- | | |
|------|--|
| 100% | Clearly labelled and on website, docs or repo, quick to find |
| 70% | Clearly labelled and on website, docs or repo but takes a bit of looking |
| 40% | Addresses in mainnet.json, in discord or sub graph, etc |
| 20% | Address found but labelling not clear or easy to find |
| 0% | Executing addresses could not be found |

2) Is the code actively being used? (%)

 Answer: 100%

Activity is 300 transactions a day on contract *LpTokenStaker.sol*, as indicated in the [Appendix](#).

Percentage Score Guidance

- | | |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 100% | More than 10 transactions a day |
| 70% | More than 10 transactions a week |
| 40% | More than 10 transactions a month |
| 10% | Less than 10 transactions a month |
| 0% | No activity |

3) Is there a public software repository? (Y/N)

 Answer: Yes

GitHub: <https://github.com/ellipsis-finance>.

Is there a public software repository with the code at a minimum, but normally test and scripts also (Y/N). Even if the repo was created just to hold the files and has just 1 transaction, it gets a Yes. For teams with private repos, this answer is No.

4) Is there a development history visible? (%)

 Answer: 30%

With 38 commits and 1 branch, this is an acceptable software repository.

This checks if the software repository demonstrates a strong steady history. This is normally demonstrated by commits, branches and releases in a software repository. A healthy history demonstrates a history of more than a month (at a minimum).

Guidance:

- | | |
|------|--|
| 100% | Any one of 100+ commits, 10+branches |
| 70% | Any one of 70+ commits, 7+branches |
| 50% | Any one of 50+ commits, 5+branches |
| 30% | Any one of 30+ commits, 3+branches |
| 0% | Less than 2 branches or less than 30 commits |

How to improve this score

Continue to test and perform other verification activities after deployment, including routine maintenance updating to new releases of testing and deployment tools. A public development history indicates clearly to

the public the level of continued investment and activity by the developers on the application. This gives a level of security and faith in the application.

5) Is the team public (not anonymous)? (Y/N)

 Answer: No

No public team member info was found.

For a yes in this question the real names of some team members must be public on the website or other documentation. If the team is anonymous and then this question is a No.

Documentation

This section looks at the software documentation. The document explaining these questions is [here](#).

Required questions are;

- 6) Is there a whitepaper? (Y/N)
- 7) Are the basic software functions documented? (Y/N)
- 8) Does the software function documentation fully (100%) cover the deployed contracts? (%)
- 9) Are there sufficiently detailed comments for all functions within the deployed contract code (%)
- 10) Is it possible to trace from software documentation to the implementation in code (%)

6) Is there a whitepaper? (Y/N)

 Answer: Yes

Location: <https://docs.ellipsis.finance/>.

7) Are the basic software functions documented? (Y/N)

 Answer: Yes

Basic software functions found at <https://docs.ellipsis.finance/dev/overview>.

8) Does the software function documentation fully (100%) cover the deployed contracts? (%)

 Answer: 100%

All contract functions detailed in <https://docs.ellipsis.finance/dev/overview>.

Guidance:

- 100% All contracts and functions documented
- 80% Only the major functions documented
- 79-1% Estimate of the level of software documentation
- 0% No software documentation

9) Are there sufficiently detailed comments for all functions within the deployed contract code (%)

 Answer: 0%

Code examples are in the [Appendix](#). As per the [SLOC](#), there is 8% commenting to code (CtC).

The Comments to Code (CtC) ratio is the primary metric for this score.

Guidance:

- 100% CtC > 100 Useful comments consistently on all code
- 90-70% CtC > 70 Useful comment on most code
- 60-20% CtC > 20 Some useful commenting
- 0% CtC < 20 No useful commenting

How to improve this score

This score can improve by adding comments to the deployed code such that it comprehensively covers the code. For guidance, refer to the [SecurEth Software Requirements](#).

10) Is it possible to trace from software documentation to the implementation in code (%)

 Answer: 100%

Ellipsis Finance provides an explanation for every function, example code, and GitHub links to the source code for a majority of the software functions at <https://docs.ellipsis.finance/dev/overview>.

Guidance:

- 100% Clear explicit traceability between code and documentation at a requirement level for all code
- 60% Clear association between code and documents via non explicit traceability
- 40% Documentation lists all the functions and describes their functions
- 0% No connection between documentation and code

Testing

This section looks at the software testing available. It is explained in this [document](#). This section answers the following questions;

- 11) Full test suite (Covers all the deployed code) (%)
- 12) Code coverage (Covers all the deployed lines of code, or explains misses) (%)
- 13) Scripts and instructions to run the tests (Y/N)
- 14) Report of the results (%)
- 15) Formal Verification test done (%)
- 16) Stress Testing environment (%)

11) Is there a Full test suite? (%)

 Answer: 40%

Code examples are in the [Appendix](#). As per the [SLOC](#), there is 22% testing to code (TtC).

This score is guided by the Test to Code ratio (TtC). Generally a good test to code ratio is over 100%. However the reviewers best judgement is the final deciding factor.

Guidance:

- | | | |
|------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 100% | TtC > 120% | Both unit and system test visible |
| 80% | TtC > 80% | Both unit and system test visible |
| 40% | TtC < 80% | Some tests visible |
| 0% | No tests obvious | |

How to improve this score

This score can improve by adding tests to fully cover the code. Document what is covered by traceability or test results in the software repository.

12) Code coverage (Covers all the deployed lines of code, or explains misses) (%)

 Answer: 30%

No code coverage but a clear presence of some testing.

Guidance:

- | | |
|--------|--|
| 100% | Documented full coverage |
| 99-51% | Value of test coverage from documented results |
| 50% | No indication of code coverage but clearly there is a reasonably complete set of tests |
| 30% | Some tests evident but not complete |
| 0% | No test for coverage seen |

How to improve this score

This score can improve by adding tests achieving full code coverage. A clear report and scripts in the software repository will guarantee a high score.

13) Scripts and instructions to run the tests (Y/N)

 Answer: Yes

Scripts and test instructions can be found at <https://github.com/ellipsis-finance/ellipsis>.

14) Report of the results (%)

 Answer: 0%

No test report was found in their GitHub repository.

Guidance:

- 100% Detailed test report as described below
- 70% GitHub Code coverage report visible
- 0% No test report evident

How to improve this score

Add a report with the results. The test scripts should generate the report or elements of it.

15) Formal Verification test done (%)

 Answer: 0%

No Ellipsis Finance Formal Verification test was found in their documentation or on the web.

16) Stress Testing environment (%)

 Answer: 0%

No evidence of any test-net smart contract use.

Security

This section looks at the 3rd party software audits done. It is explained in this [document](#). This section answers the following questions;

- 17) Did 3rd Party audits take place? (%)
- 18) Is the bounty value acceptably high?

17) Did 3rd Party audits take place? (%)

 Answer: 70%

[Hacken published a Ellipsis Finance audit report on April 1st 2021.](#)

Note 1: Ellipsis was launched in March 2021.

Note 2: Most fix recommendations were implemented by the devs.

Guidance:

- 100% Multiple Audits performed before deployment and results public and implemented or not required
- 90% Single audit performed before deployment and results public and implemented or not required
- 70% Audit(s) performed after deployment and no changes required. Audit report is public
- 50% Audit(s) performed after deployment and changes needed but not implemented
- 20% No audit performed
- 0% Audit Performed after deployment, existence is public, report is not public and no improvements deployed OR smart contract address' not found, question

Deduct 25% if code is in a private repo and no note from auditors that audit is applicable to deployed code

18) Is the bounty value acceptably high (%)

 Answer: 0%

No Ellipsis Finance Bug Bounty program was found.

Guidance:

- 100% Bounty is 10% TVL or at least \$1M AND active program (see below)
- 90% Bounty is 5% TVL or at least 500k AND active program
- 80% Bounty is 5% TVL or at least 500k
- 70% Bounty is 100k or over AND active program
- 60% Bounty is 100k or over
- 50% Bounty is 50k or over AND active program

- 40% Bounty is 50k or over
20% Bug bounty program bounty is less than 50k
0% No bug bounty program offered

Active program means a third party actively driving hackers to the site. Inactive program would be static mention on the docs.

Access Controls

This section covers the documentation of special access controls for a DeFi protocol. The admin access controls are the contracts that allow updating contracts or coefficients in the protocol. Since these contracts can allow the protocol admins to "change the rules", complete disclosure of capabilities is vital for user's transparency. It is explained in this [document](#). The questions this section asks are as follow;

- 19) Can a user clearly and quickly find the status of the admin controls?
- 20) Is the information clear and complete?
- 21) Is the information in non-technical terms that pertain to the investments?
- 22) Is there Pause Control documentation including records of tests?

19) Can a user clearly and quickly find the status of the access controls (%)

 Answer: 100%

[Clearly labelled as "Admin Multisig" in their documentation.](#)

Guidance:

- 100% Clearly labelled and on website, docs or repo, quick to find
70% Clearly labelled and on website, docs or repo but takes a bit of looking
40% Access control docs in multiple places and not well labelled
20% Access control docs in multiple places and not labelled
0% Admin Control information could not be found

20) Is the information clear and complete (%)

 Answer: 60%

- a) All contracts are clearly labelled as upgradeable (or not) -- 30% AND
- b) Multisig function and info is clearly detailed.

Guidance:

All the contracts are immutable -- 100% OR

- a) All contracts are clearly labelled as upgradeable (or not) -- 30% AND
- b) The type of ownership is clearly indicated (OnlyOwner / MultiSig / Defined Roles) -- 30% AND

c) The capabilities for change in the contracts are described -- 30%

How to improve this score

Create a document that covers the items described above. An [example](#) is enclosed.

21) Is the information in non-technical terms that pertain to the investments (%)

 Answer: 90%

Multisig info is all written in comprehensive language.

Guidance:

- | | |
|------|--|
| 100% | All the contracts are immutable |
| 90% | Description relates to investments safety and updates in clear, complete non-software I language |
| 30% | Description all in software specific language |
| 0% | No admin control information could not be found |

How to improve this score

Create a document that covers the items described above in plain language that investors can understand. An [example](#) is enclosed.

22) Is there Pause Control documentation including records of tests (%)

 Answer: 0%

No Pause Control or similar function was found in their documentation.

Guidance:

- | | |
|------|---|
| 100% | All the contracts are immutable or no pause control needed and this is explained OR |
| 100% | Pause control(s) are clearly documented and there is records of at least one test within 3 months |
| 80% | Pause control(s) explained clearly but no evidence of regular tests |
| 40% | Pause controls mentioned with no detail on capability or tests |
| 0% | Pause control not documented or explained |

How to improve this score

Create a document that covers the items described above in plain language that investors can understand. An [example](#) is enclosed.

Appendices

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I started with Ethereum just before the DAO and that was a wonderful education. It showed the importance of code quality. The second Parity hack also showed the importance of good process. Here my aviation background offers some value. Aerospace knows how to make reliable code using quality processes.

I was coaxed to go to EthDenver 2018 and there I started [SecuEth.org](#) with Bryant and Roman. We created guidelines on good processes for blockchain code development. We got [EthFoundation funding](#) to assist in their development.

Process Quality Reviews are an extension of the SecurEth guidelines that will further increase the quality processes in Solidity and Vyper development.

DeFiSafety is my full time gig and we are working on funding vehicles for a permanent staff.

Scoring Appendix

PQ Audit Scoring Matrix (v0.7)	Total	Ellipsis Finance	
	Points	Answer	Points
	Total	260	155
Code and Team			
1) Are the executing code addresses readily available? (%)	20	100%	20
2) Is the code actively being used? (%)	5	100%	5
3) Is there a public software repository? (Y/N)	5	Y	5
4) Is there a development history visible? (%)	5	30%	1.5
5) Is the team public (not anonymous)? (Y/N)	15	N	0
Code Documentation			
6) Is there a whitepaper? (Y/N)	5	Y	5
7) Are the basic software functions documented? (Y/N)	10	Y	10
8) Does the software function documentation fully (100%) cover the deployed contracts? (%)	15	100%	15
9) Are there sufficiently detailed comments for all functions within the deployed contract code (%)	5	0%	0
10) Is it possible to trace from software documentation to the implementation in code (%)	10	100%	10
Testing			
11) Full test suite (Covers all the deployed code) (%)	20	40%	8
12) Code coverage (Covers all the deployed lines of code, or explains misses) (%)	5	30%	1.5
13) Scripts and instructions to run the tests? (Y/N)	5	Y	5
14) Report of the results (%)	10	0%	0
15) Formal Verification test done (%)	5	0%	0
16) Stress Testing environment (%)	5	0%	0
Security			
17) Did 3rd Party audits take place? (%)	70	70%	49
18) Is the bug bounty acceptable high? (%)	10	0%	0
Access Controls			
19) Can a user clearly and quickly find the status of the admin controls	5	100%	5
20) Is the information clear and complete	10	60%	6
21) Is the information in non-technical terms	10	90%	9
22) Is there Pause Control documentation including records of tests	10	0%	0

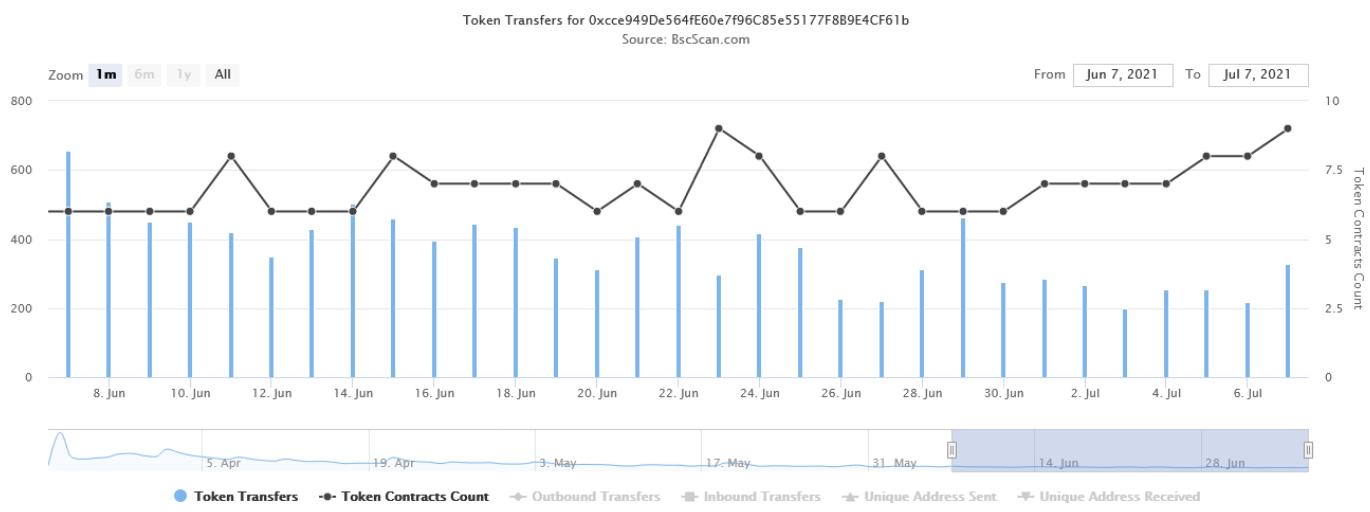
Section Scoring		
Code and Team	50	63%
Documentation	45	89%
Testing	50	29%
Security	80	61%
Access Controls	35	57%

Executing Code Appendix

Protocol

Name	Address
LpTokenStaker	0xccce949De564fE60e7f96C85e55177F8B9E4CF61b
EpsStaker	0x4076CC26EFeE47825917D0FeC3A79d0bB9a6bB5c
MerkleDistributor	0x60a8AD8470189033789c1053B0c6F89eB27Bca18
FeeConverter	0x604348a7e98113E14c318605C458fBFb3B0Dd3f6
MetapoolFeeConverter	0xDd6dF5ffFeD7b770355De53A9B60577b795A27B66

Code Used Appendix



Example Code Appendix

```

1 // SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2
3 pragma solidity 0.7.6;
4
5

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1 import "@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC20/IERC20.sol";
2 import "@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC20/SafeERC20.sol";
3 import "@openzeppelin/contracts/math/SafeMath.sol";
4 import "@openzeppelin/contracts/access/Ownable.sol";
5
6
7
8
9
10
11 interface Minter {
12     function mint(address _receiver, uint256 _amount) external;
13 }
14
15 interface Oracle {
16     function latestAnswer() external view returns (int256);
17 }
18
19 // LP token staking contract for http://ellipsis.finance/
20 // LP tokens are staked within this contract to generate EPS, Ellipsis' value-capture token.
21 // Based on the Sushi MasterChef contract by Chef Nomi - https://github.com/sushiswap/sushi
22 contract LpTokenStaker is Ownable {
23     using SafeMath for uint256;
24     using SafeERC20 for IERC20;
25
26     // Info of each user.
27     struct UserInfo {
28         uint256 amount;
29         uint256 rewardDebt;
30     }
31     // Info of each pool.
32     struct PoolInfo {
33         IERC20 lpToken; // Address of LP token contract.
34         uint256 oracleIndex; // Index value for oracles array indicating which price multipler to use.
35         uint256 allocPoint; // How many allocation points assigned to this pool.
36         uint256 lastRewardTime; // Last second that reward distribution occurs.
37         uint256 accRewardPerShare; // Accumulated rewards per share, times 1e12. See below.
38     }
39     // Info about token emissions for a given time period.
40     struct EmissionPoint {
41         uint128 startTimeOffset;
42         uint128 rewardsPerSecond;
43     }
44
45     Minter public rewardMinter;
46     uint256 public rewardsPerSecond;
47     // Info of each pool.
48     PoolInfo[] public poolInfo;
49     // Data about the future reward rates. emissionSchedule stored in reverse chronological order.
50     // whenever the number of blocks since the start block exceeds the next block offset a new
51     // reward rate is applied.
52     EmissionPoint[] public emissionSchedule;
53     // Info of each user that stakes LP tokens.
54     mapping(uint256 => mapping(address => UserInfo)) public userInfo;
55     // Total allocation points. Must be the sum of all allocation points in all pools.
56     uint256 public totalAllocPoint = 0;
57     // The block number when reward mining starts.

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58     uint256 public startTime;
59
60     // List of Chainlink oracle addresses.
61     Oracle[] public oracles;
62
63     event Deposit(address indexed user, uint256 indexed pid, uint256 amount);
64     event Withdraw(address indexed user, uint256 indexed pid, uint256 amount);
65     event EmergencyWithdraw(
66         address indexed user,
67         uint256 indexed pid,
68         uint256 amount
69     );
70
71     constructor(
72         uint128[] memory _startTimeOffset,
73         uint128[] memory _rewardsPerSecond,
74         IERC20 _fixedRewardToken
75     ) public {
76         uint256 length = _startTimeOffset.length;
77         for (uint256 i = length - 1; i + 1 != 0; i--) {
78             emissionSchedule.push(
79                 EmissionPoint({
80                     startTimeOffset: _startTimeOffset[i],
81                     rewardsPerSecond: _rewardsPerSecond[i]
82                 })
83             );
84         }
85         // Pool values are based on USD so the first oracle is 0x00 and the price is always 1
86         oracles.push(Oracle(0));
87         // The first pool receives special treatment, it always has 20% of the totalAllocPoint
88         poolInfo.push(
89             PoolInfo({
90                 lpToken: _fixedRewardToken,
91                 oracleIndex: 0,
92                 allocPoint: 0,
93                 lastRewardTime: block.timestamp,
94                 accRewardPerShare: 0
95             })
96         );
97     }
98
99     // Start the party
100    function start() public onlyOwner {
101        require(startTime == 0);
102        startTime = block.timestamp;
103    }
104
105    function setMinter(Minter _rewardMinter) public onlyOwner {
106        require(rewardMinter == Minter(0));
107        rewardMinter = _rewardMinter;
108    }
109
110    // Add a new lp to the pool. Can only be called by the owner

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110     // Add a new lp to the pool. Can only be called by the owner.
111
112     // XXX DO NOT add the same LP token more than once. Rewards will be messed up if you do
113     function addPool(IERC20 _lpToken, uint256 _oracleIndex) public onlyOwner {
114         require(_oracleIndex < oracles.length);
115         _massUpdatePools();
116         poolInfo.push(
117             PoolInfo({
118                 lpToken: _lpToken,
119                 oracleIndex: _oracleIndex,
120                 allocPoint: 0,
121                 lastRewardTime: block.timestamp,
122                 accRewardPerShare: 0
123             })
124         );
125     }
126
127     // Add a new oracle address. Should only be added if required by pool.
128     function addOracle(Oracle _oracle) external onlyOwner {
129         _oracle.latestAnswer(); // Validates that this is actually an oracle!
130         oracles.push(_oracle);
131     }
132
133     // Calculate the final allocation points for each pool.
134     // This is the main logical deviation from the original MasterChef contract.
135     // The pool at pid 0 always receives exactly 20% of the allocation points.
136     // All remaining pools receive an "equal" allocation, based on their rough value in USI
137     // For pools handling USD-based Ellipsis LP tokens the value per token is assumed as $1
138     // for non-USD pools a rate is queried from a Chainlink oracle.
139     function _getAllocPoints() internal view returns (uint256[] memory allocPoints, uint256 totalAP)
140         // Get the oracle prices. Oracle[0] is USD and fixed at $1 (100000000)
141         uint256[] memory latestPrices = new uint256[](oracles.length);
142         latestPrices[0] = 100000000;
143         for (uint256 i = 1; i < oracles.length; i++) {
144             latestPrices[i] = uint256(oracles[i].latestAnswer());
145         }
146
147         // Apply oracle prices to calculate final allocation points for each pool
148         uint256 length = poolInfo.length;
149         allocPoints = new uint256[](length);
150         for (uint256 pid = 1; pid < length; ++pid) {
151             PoolInfo storage pool = poolInfo[pid];
152             allocPoints[pid] = pool.allocPoint.mul(latestPrices[pool.oracleIndex]);
153             totalAP = totalAP.add(allocPoints[pid]);
154         }
155         // Special treatment for pool 0 to always have 20%
156         totalAP = totalAP.mul(100).div(80);
157         allocPoints[0] = totalAP.div(5);

```

SLOC Appendix

Solidity Contracts

Language	Files	Lines	Blanks	Comments	Code	Complex
Solidity	6	1360	189	114	1057	151
Vyper	6	4486	393	291	3802	196

Comments to Code $405/4859 = 8\%$

Javascript Tests

Language	Files	Lines	Blanks	Comments	Code	Complex
Python	7	1428	362	0	1066	30

Tests to Code $1066/4859 = 22\%$