

# Security Assessment Draft (Internal Use Only)

# **Rise of Empire**

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The security assessment was prepared by CertiK, the leader in Web3.0 security.

#### **Executive Summary**

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DeflationaryToken BSC Manual Review, Static Analysis

LANGUAGE TIMELINE KEY COMPONENTS

Solidity Delivered on 07/12/2022 N/A

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#### **Vulnerability Summary**

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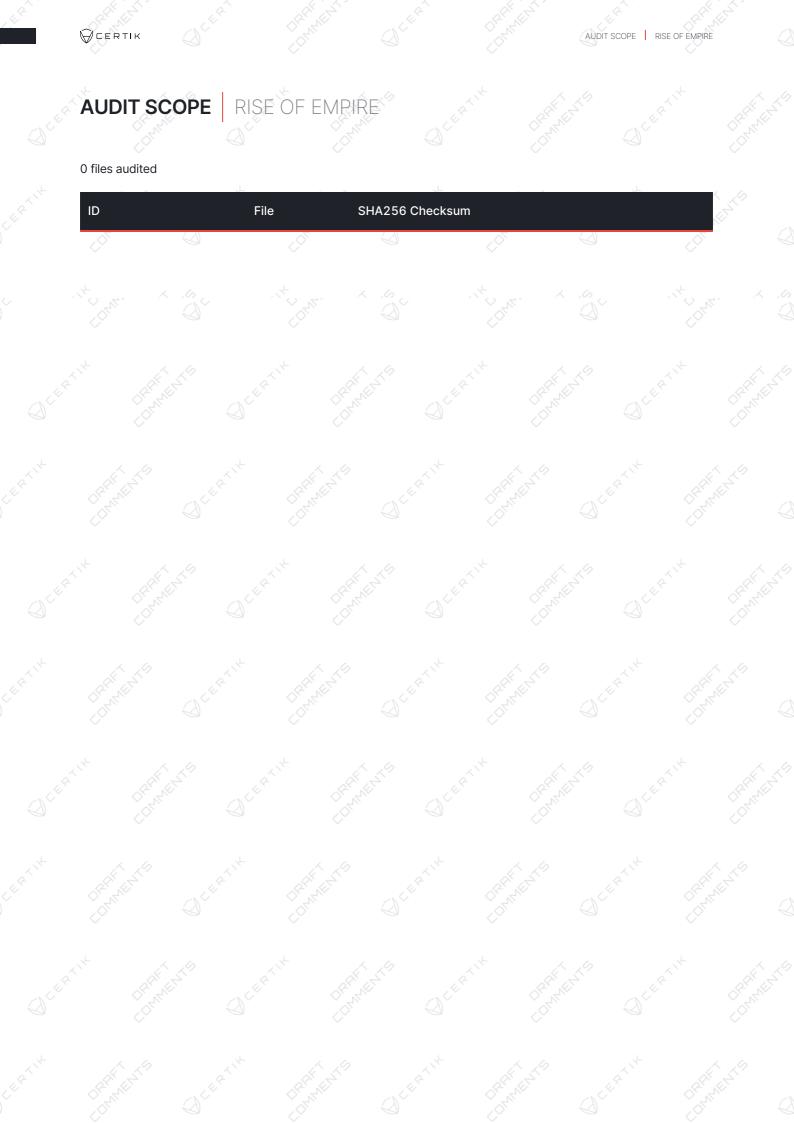
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### APPROACH & METHODS | RISE OF EMPIRE

This report has been prepared for Rise of Empire to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Rise of Empire project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Manual Review and Static Analysis techniques.

The auditing process pays special attention to the following considerations:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors.
- · Assessing the codebase to ensure compliance with current best practices and industry standards.
- Ensuring contract logic meets the specifications and intentions of the client.
- Cross referencing contract structure and implementation against similar smart contracts produced by industry leaders.
- Thorough line-by-line manual review of the entire codebase by industry experts.

The security assessment resulted in findings that ranged from critical to informational. We recommend addressing these findings to ensure a high level of security standards and industry practices. We suggest recommendations that could better serve the project from the security perspective:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors;
- Enhance general coding practices for better structures of source codes;
- Add enough unit tests to cover the possible use cases;
- Provide more comments per each function for readability, especially contracts that are verified in public;
- Provide more transparency on privileged activities once the protocol is live.



### FINDINGS RISE OF EMPIRE



This report has been prepared to discover issues and vulnerabilities for Rise of Empire. Through this audit, we have uncovered 9 issues ranging from different severity levels. Utilizing Static Analysis techniques to complement rigorous manual code reviews, we discovered the following findings:

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
ROE-01	Potential Death Spiral	Logical Issue	Critical	Resolved
ROE-02	Centralization Risks In ROEMPToken.Sol	Centralization / Privilege	Major	<ul> <li>Acknowledged</li> </ul>
ROE-03	Usage Of transfer() For Sending	Language Specific	Minor	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>
ROE-04	Lack Of Reasonable Boundary	Volatile Code	Minor	<ul> <li>Resolved</li> </ul>
ROE-05	Unchecked ERC-20 transfer() / transferFrom() Call	Volatile Code	Minor	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>
ROE-06	Missing Zero Address Validation	Volatile Code	Minor	Partially Resolved
<u>0X9-02</u>	Missing Emit Events	Coding Style_	Informational	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>
ROE-07	Unnecessary Checks	Language Specific	Informational	Resolved
ROE-08	Expression Always True	Logical Issue	Informational	Resolved



# ROE-01 POTENTIAL DEATH SPIRAL

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Critical	contracts/ROEMPToken.sol: 193~208	<ul><li>Resolved</li></ul>

#### Description

The \_swapAndLiquify() function does three things:

- 1. Assume rate = 20%.
- 2. Swap 0.9% of the balance of the liquidity pool(ROEMP/BUSD) for BUSD.
- 3. Add 0.1% of the balance of the liquidity pool(ROEMP/BUSD) and an amount of BUSD to the pool.
- 4. Transfer the rest of BUSD to the marketing wallet.

We can see that more ROEMP will be swapped for USD than added to the liquidity pool, so the price of ROEMP will decrease again after each sell. Attackers can write a for loop to sell as little as one ROEMP each time to cause a death spiral.

#### Recommendation

We recommend setting a limit for triggering the \_swapAndLiquify() function. In addition, the business logic needs to be modified so that it is not prone to the economic attack mentioned above.

#### Alleviation

[Rise of Empire] - All taxes will go into the marketing wallet and no auto swap of USD.

[CertiK] - Since the auto swap feature has been removed the price of the token will not be affected as much, thus resolving this finding. The changes were made in this commit

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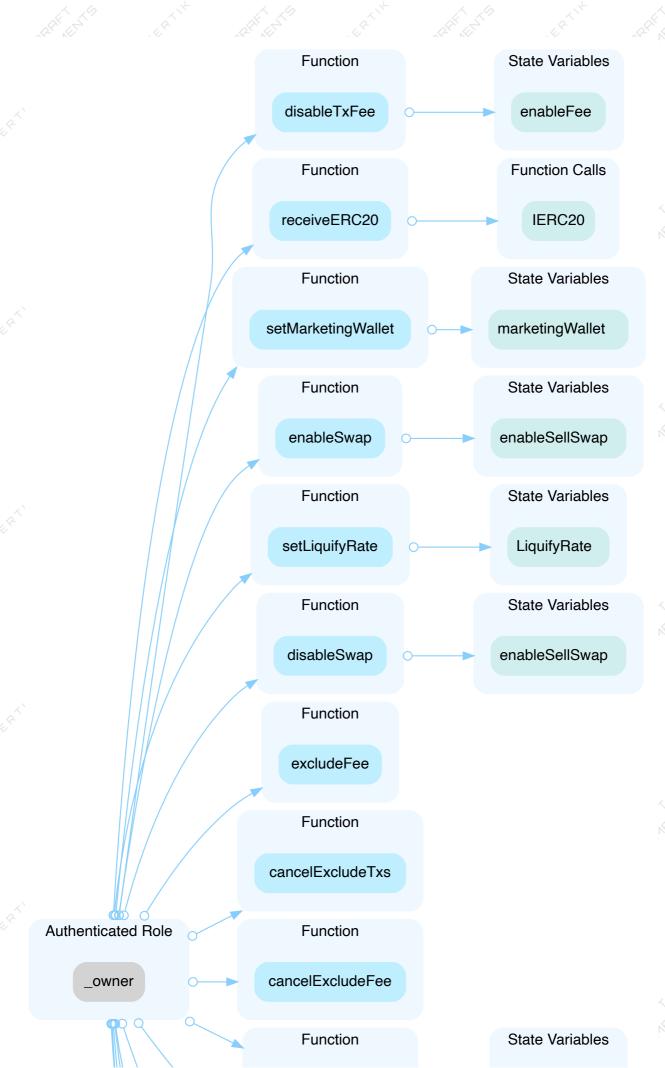
# ROE-02 CENTRALIZATION RISKS IN ROEMPTOKEN.SOL

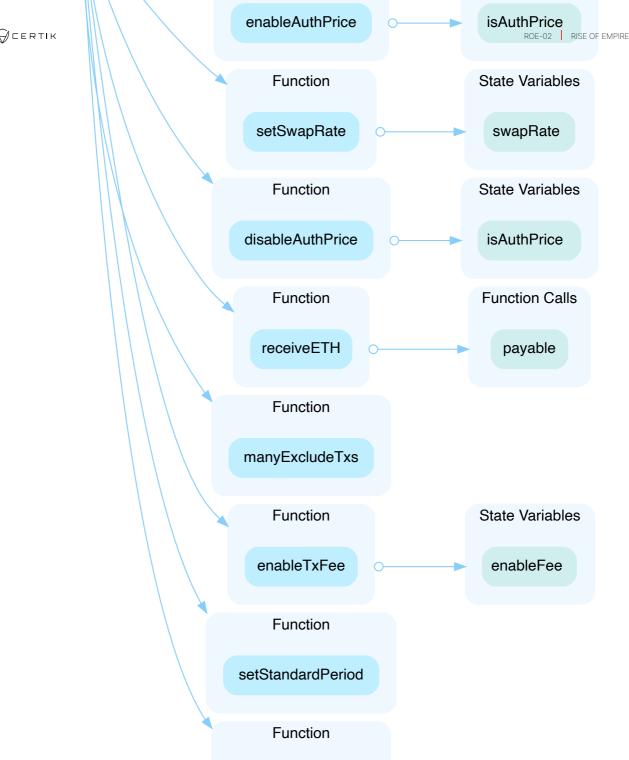
	Category	Severity	Location	Status
•	Centralization / Privilege	Major	contracts/ROEMPToken.sol: 11, 219, 223, 229, 239, 2 45, 255, 259, 263, 267, 271, 275, 279, 283, 333, 337 , 342, 353	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>

#### Description

In the contract ROEMPToken the role \_owner has authority over the functions shown in the diagram below. Any compromise to the \_owner account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this authority and drain all ERC20 tokens and ETH by calling the receiveERC20() and receiveETH() function, respectively.

Also, a compromise to the \_owner account can implement the attack written in the finding Lack of Boundary





#### Recommendation

The risk describes the current project design and potentially makes iterations to improve in the security operation and level of decentralization, which in most cases cannot be resolved entirely at the present stage. We advise the client to carefully manage the privileged account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., multisignature wallets. Indicatively, here are some feasible suggestions that would also mitigate the potential risk at a different level in terms of short-term, long-term and permanent:

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#### **Short Term:**

Timelock and Multi sign (3, 3/s) combination *mitigate* by delaying the sensitive operation and avoiding a single point of key management failure.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
- Assignment of privileged roles to multi-signature wallets to prevent a single point of failure due to the private key compromised;

AND

 A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract and multi-signers addresses information with the public audience.

#### Long Term:

Timelock and DAO, the combination, mitigate by applying decentralization and transparency.

- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement.
   AND
- A medium/blog link for sharing the timelock contract, multi-signers addresses, and DAO information with the public audience.

#### Permanent:

Renouncing the ownership or removing the function can be considered fully resolved.

- Renounce the ownership and never claim back the privileged roles.
   OR
- Remove the risky functionality.

#### Alleviation

[CertiK] - The Rise of Empire team acknowledged the finding but haven't made any changes to mitigate the finding.



### ROE-03 USAGE OF transfer() FOR SENDING ETHER

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Language Specific	Minor	contracts/ROEMPToken.sol: 359~360	<ul> <li>Acknowledged</li> </ul>

#### Description

After <u>EIP-1884</u> was included in the Istanbul hard fork, it is not recommended to use .transfer() or .send() for transferring ether as these functions have a hard-coded value for gas costs making them obsolete as they are forwarding a fixed amount of gas, specifically 2300. This can cause issues in case the linked statements are meant to be able to transfer funds to other contracts instead of EOAs.

#### Recommendation

We advise that the linked <code>.transfer()</code> and <code>.send()</code> calls are substituted with the utilization of <code>the sendValue()</code> function from the <code>Address.sol</code> implementation of OpenZeppelin either by directly importing the library or copying the linked code.

#### Alleviation

[CertiK] - The client acknowledged the finding but haven't made any changes in regards to this finding.



# ROE-04 LACK OF REASONABLE BOUNDARY

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	contracts/ROEMPToken.sol: 271~277	Resolved

#### Description

The variables swapRate and LiquifyRate do not have reasonable boundaries, so they can be given arbitrary values after deploying. If the \_owner account is compromised, the attacker can set the LiquifyRate to 0. This means this contract will swap all the tokens for BUSD and not provide any liquidity after, leading to a considerable price drop.

#### Recommendation

We recommend adding reasonable upper and lower boundaries to all the configuration variables.

#### Alleviation

[Rise of Empire] - We have deleted the auto part for that.

[CertiK] - Since the auto swap feature has been removed these two variables are also deleted, thus resolving this finding. The changes were made in this commit <a href="https://dx.dd5.42Ef6e83DF0Ef7">0x2d2526186598F150f7c94c3dd5A2Ef6e83DF0Ef7</a>



### ROE-05 UNCHECKED ERC-20 transfer() / transferFrom() CALL

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	contracts/ROEMPToken.sol: 14, 207, 350	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>

#### Description

The return value of the transfer()/transferFrom() call is not checked.

#### Recommendation

Since some ERC-20 tokens return no values and others return a bool value, they should be handled with care. We advise using the <a href="OpenZeppelin's SafeERC20.sol">OpenZeppelin's SafeERC20.sol</a> implementation to interact with the transfer() and transferFrom() functions of external ERC-20 tokens. The OpenZeppelin implementation checks for the existence of a return value and reverts if false is returned, making it compatible with all ERC-20 token implementations.

#### Alleviation

[CertiK] - The client acknowledged the finding but haven't made any changes in regards to this finding.



### ROE-06 MISSING ZERO ADDRESS VALIDATION

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	contracts/ROEMPToken.sol: 280, 359	Partially Resolved

#### Description

Addresses should be checked before assignment or external call to make sure they are not zero addresses.

280 marketingWallet = \_marketingWallet;

• \_\_marketingWallet is not zero-checked before being used.

359 to.transfer(amount);

• to is not zero-checked before being used.

#### Recommendation

We advise adding a zero-check for the passed-in address value to prevent unexpected errors.



# 0X9-02 MISSING EMIT EVENTS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Coding Style	<ul> <li>Informational</li> </ul>	@openzeppelin/contracts/access/Ownable.sol: 54, 62; contracts/ROEMPToken.sol: 11, 219, 223, 229, 239, 24 5, 255, 259, 263, 267, 271, 275, 279, 333, 337, 342,	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>
		353	

#### Description

There should always be events emitted in the sensitive functions that are controlled by centralization roles.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended emitting events for the sensitive functions that are controlled by centralization roles.

#### Alleviation

[CertiK] - The client acknowledged the finding but haven't made any changes in regards to this finding.



### ROE-07 UNNECESSARY CHECKS

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Language Specific	Informational	contracts/ROEMPToken.sol: 347, 357	• Resolved

#### Description

The check

```
require(token.balanceOf(address(this)) > amount, "Token is running low");`
```

is redundant because it happens in ERC20.sol.

```
function _transfer(
    address from,
    address to,
    uint256 amount
) internal virtual {
    require(from != address(0), "ERC20: transfer from the zero address");
    require(to != address(0), "ERC20: transfer to the zero address");

    _beforeTokenTransfer(from, to, amount);

    uint256 fromBalance = _balances[from];
    require(fromBalance >= amount, "ERC20: transfer amount exceeds balance"); //
(HERE!!!)

    unchecked {
        _balances[from] = fromBalance - amount;
    }
    _balances[to] += amount;

    emit Transfer(from, to, amount);

    _afterTokenTransfer(from, to, amount);
}
```

The second check,

```
require(payable(address(this)).balance > amount, "ETH is running low");
```

is also unnecessary because it will be checked by the Ethereum Protocol.

#### Recommendation

We recommend deleting these blocks to save gas.

#### Alleviation

[CertiK] - The unnecessary checks were removed from the codebase. This does reduce the gas fees very slightly. The changes can be seen here 0x2d2526186598F150f7c94c3dd5A2Ef6e83DF0Ef7



# ROE-08 EXPRESSION ALWAYS TRUE

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	<ul><li>Informational</li></ul>	contracts/ROEMPToken.sol: 111	Resolved

#### Description

The linked expression is always True.

#### Recommendation

We recommend reviewing this logic.

#### Alleviation

[CertiK] - Since the swap feature has been removed from the codebase this finding is not relevant anymore hence we can set the status of the finding to resolved.



# OPTIMIZATIONS | RISE OF EMPIRE

ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
<u>0X9</u>	-01 Unnecessary Use Of S	afeMath Gas Optimization	Optimization	Acknowledged



### 0X9-01 UNNECESSARY USE OF SAFEMATH

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Gas Optimization	Optimization	@openzeppelin/contracts/utils/math/SafeMath.sol: 1 6; contracts/ROEMPToken.sol: 90, 106, 109, 152, 15 3, 194, 195, 201, 207, 299, 306	<ul><li>Acknowledged</li></ul>

#### Description

The SafeMath library is used unnecessarily. With Solidity compiler versions 0.8.0 or newer, arithmetic operations will automatically revert in case of integer overflow or underflow.

#### 16 library SafeMath {

• An implementation of SafeMath library is found.

#### using SafeMath for uint256;

• SafeMath library is used for uint256 type in ROEMPToken contract.

```
90 amount = amount.sub(feeAmount);
```

• SafeMath.sub is called in \_transfer function of ROEMPToken contract.

Note: Only a sample of 2 SafeMath library usage in this contract (out of 20) are shown above.

#### Recommendation

We advise removing the usage of SafeMath library and using the built-in arithmetic operations provided by the Solidity programming language.

#### Alleviation

[Rise of Empire] - Issue acknowledged. I will fix the issue in the future, which will not be included in this audit engagement.



### APPENDIX RISE OF EMPIRE

#### I Finding Categories

Categories	Description			
Centralization / Privilege  Gas Optimization	Centralization / Privilege findings refer to either feature logic or implementation of components that act against the nature of decentralization, such as explicit ownership or specialized access roles in combination with a mechanism to relocate funds.  Gas Optimization findings do not affect the functionality of the code but generate different, more optimal EVM opcodes resulting in a reduction on the total gas cost of a transaction.			
Logical Issue	Logical Issue findings detail a fault in the logic of the linked code, such as an incorrect notion on how block.timestamp works.			
Volatile Code	Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases that may result in a vulnerability.			
Language Specific	Language Specific findings are issues that would only arise within Solidity, i.e. incorrect usage of private or delete.			
Coding Style	Coding Style findings usually do not affect the generated byte-code but rather comment of how to make the codebase more legible and, as a result, easily maintainable.			

#### I Checksum Calculation Method

The "Checksum" field in the "Audit Scope" section is calculated as the SHA-256 (Secure Hash Algorithm 2 with digest size of 256 bits) digest of the content of each file hosted in the listed source repository under the specified commit.

The result is hexadecimal encoded and is the same as the output of the Linux "sha256sum" command against the target file.



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