

# SMART CONTRACT AUDIT REPORT

for

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# 1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the Celer IM-based RFQ swap protocol, we outline in the report our systematic approach to evaluate potential security issues in the smart contract implementation, expose possible semantic inconsistencies between smart contract code and design document, and provide additional suggestions or recommendations for improvement. Our results show that the given version of smart contracts can be further improved due to the presence of several issues related to either security or performance. This document outlines our audit results.

## 1.1 About RFQ/Celer

The RFQ (request-for-quote) contracts work together with the Celer IM platform to enable secure and efficient intra- or inter-chain token swaps. The inter-chain swap process takes three steps: 1) The user submits a quote request with a deposit to the RFQ contract on the source chain; 2) The market maker transfers tokens according to the quote to the user through the RFQ contract on the destination chain; and 3) The market maker receives the user's deposit by submitting proof of step 2 generated by Celer IM to the RFQ contract on the source chain. If the market maker fails to fulfill the quote, the user could get the fund back via a refund process. And the intra-chain swap is a simplified version of inter-chain swap with no involvement of Celer IM.

Item Description
Target RFQ/Celer
Type EVM Smart Contract
Language Solidity
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Table 1.1: Basic Information of RFQ/Celer

In the following, we show the Git repository of reviewed files and the commit hash value used in

this audit. Please note that this audit only covers the contracts/RFQ.sol contract.

• https://github.com/celer-network/intent-rfq-contract (3135060)

And this is the commit ID after all fixes for the issues found in the audit have been checked in:

• https://github.com/celer-network/intent-rfq-contract (0dddb96)

#### 1.2 About PeckShield

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Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

## 1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [6]:

- <u>Likelihood</u> represents how likely a particular vulnerability is to be uncovered and exploited in the wild;
- Impact measures the technical loss and business damage of a successful attack;
- Severity demonstrates the overall criticality of the risk.

Table 1.3: The Full List of Check Items

Category	Check Item		
	Constructor Mismatch		
	Ownership Takeover		
	Redundant Fallback Function		
	Overflows & Underflows		
	Reentrancy		
	Money-Giving Bug		
	Blackhole		
	Unauthorized Self-Destruct		
Basic Coding Bugs	Revert DoS		
Dasic Couling Dugs	Unchecked External Call		
	Gasless Send		
	Send Instead Of Transfer		
	Costly Loop		
	(Unsafe) Use Of Untrusted Libraries		
	(Unsafe) Use Of Predictable Variables		
	Transaction Ordering Dependence		
	Deprecated Uses		
Semantic Consistency Checks	Semantic Consistency Checks		
	Business Logics Review		
	Functionality Checks		
	Authentication Management		
	Access Control & Authorization		
	Oracle Security		
Advanced DeFi Scrutiny	Digital Asset Escrow		
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	Operation Trails & Event Generation		
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling		
	Frontend-Contract Integration		
	Deployment Consistency		
	Holistic Risk Management		
	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array		
A 1133	Using Fixed Compiler Version		
Additional Recommendations	Making Visibility Level Explicit		
	Making Type Inference Explicit		
	Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly		
	Following Other Best Practices		

Likelihood and impact are categorized into three ratings: *H*, *M* and *L*, i.e., *high*, *medium* and *low* respectively. Severity is determined by likelihood and impact and can be classified into four categories accordingly, i.e., *Critical*, *High*, *Medium*, *Low* shown in Table 1.2.

To evaluate the risk, we go through a list of check items and each would be labeled with a severity category. For one check item, if our tool or analysis does not identify any issue, the contract is considered safe regarding the check item. For any discovered issue, we might further deploy contracts on our private testnet and run tests to confirm the findings. If necessary, we would additionally build a PoC to demonstrate the possibility of exploitation. The concrete list of check items is shown in Table 1.3.

In particular, we perform the audit according to the following procedure:

- Basic Coding Bugs: We first statically analyze given smart contracts with our proprietary static code analyzer for known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) all the issues found by our tool.
- <u>Semantic Consistency Checks</u>: We then manually check the logic of implemented smart contracts and compare with the description in the white paper.
- Advanced DeFi Scrutiny: We further review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.
- Additional Recommendations: We also provide additional suggestions regarding the coding and development of smart contracts from the perspective of proven programming practices.

To better describe each issue we identified, we categorize the findings with Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE-699) [5], which is a community-developed list of software weakness types to better delineate and organize weaknesses around concepts frequently encountered in software development. Though some categories used in CWE-699 may not be relevant in smart contracts, we use the CWE categories in Table 1.4 to classify our findings.

#### 1.4 Disclaimer

Note that this security audit is not designed to replace functional tests required before any software release, and does not give any warranties on finding all possible security issues of the given smart contract(s) or blockchain software, i.e., the evaluation result does not guarantee the nonexistence of any further findings of security issues. As one audit-based assessment cannot be considered comprehensive, we always recommend proceeding with several independent audits and a public bug bounty program to ensure the security of smart contract(s). Last but not least, this security audit should not be used as investment advice.

Table 1.4: Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) Classifications Used in This Audit

Category	Summary		
Configuration	Weaknesses in this category are typically introduced during		
	the configuration of the software.		
Data Processing Issues	Weaknesses in this category are typically found in functional-		
	ity that processes data.		
Numeric Errors	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calcula-		
	tion or conversion of numbers.		
Security Features	Weaknesses in this category are concerned with topics like		
	authentication, access control, confidentiality, cryptography,		
	and privilege management. (Software security is not security		
	software.)		
Time and State	Weaknesses in this category are related to the improper man-		
	agement of time and state in an environment that supports		
	simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple		
	systems, processes, or threads.		
Error Conditions,	Weaknesses in this category include weaknesses that occur if		
Return Values,	a function does not generate the correct return/status code,		
Status Codes	or if the application does not handle all possible return/status		
	codes that could be generated by a function.		
Resource Management	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper manage-		
	ment of system resources.		
Behavioral Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behav-		
	iors from code that an application uses.		
Business Logics	Weaknesses in this category identify some of the underlying		
	problems that commonly allow attackers to manipulate the		
	business logic of an application. Errors in business logic can		
	be devastating to an entire application.		
Initialization and Cleanup	Weaknesses in this category occur in behaviors that are used		
	for initialization and breakdown.		
Arguments and Parameters	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of		
	arguments or parameters within function calls.		
Expression Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written		
	expressions within code.		
Coding Practices	Weaknesses in this category are related to coding practices		
	that are deemed unsafe and increase the chances that an ex-		
	ploitable vulnerability will be present in the application. They		
	may not directly introduce a vulnerability, but indicate the		
	product has not been carefully developed or maintained.		

# 2 | Findings

#### 2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the implementation of the Celer IM-based RFQ swap protocol. During the first phase of our audit, we study the smart contract source code and run our in-house static code analyzer through the codebase. The purpose here is to statically identify known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) issues reported by our tool. We further manually review business logic, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

Severity	# of Findings		
Critical	0		
High	0		
Medium	1		
Low	1		
Informational	1		
Total	3		

We have so far identified a list of potential issues: some of them involve subtle corner cases that might not be previously thought of, while others refer to unusual interactions among multiple contracts. For each uncovered issue, we have therefore developed test cases for reasoning, reproduction, and/or verification. After further analysis and internal discussion, we determined a few issues of varying severities that need to be brought up and paid more attention to, which are categorized in the above table. More information can be found in the next subsection, and the detailed discussions of each of them are in Section 3.

## 2.2 Key Findings

Overall, these smart contracts are well-designed and engineered, though the implementation can be improved by resolving the identified issues (shown in Table 2.1), including 1 medium-severity vulnerability, 1 low-severity vulnerability, and 1 informational recommendation.

Table 2.1: Key RFQ/Celer Audit Findings

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Low	Improved Validation in RFQ::_sr-	Coding Practices	Fixed
		cDeposit()		
PVE-002	Medium	Trust Issue Of Admin Keys	Security Features	Confirmed
PVE-003	Informational	Suggested Disallowance of Overpaid	Coding Practices	Fixed
		Native Coins		

Beside the identified issues, we emphasize that for any user-facing applications and services, it is always important to develop necessary risk-control mechanisms and make contingency plans, which may need to be exercised before the mainnet deployment. The risk-control mechanisms should kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed on mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.

#### **Detailed Results** 3

#### 3.1 Improved Validation in RFQ:: srcDeposit()

• ID: PVE-001

• Severity: Low

• Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Low

Target: RFQ

• Category: Coding Practices [4]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [2]

#### Description

The RFQ swap protocol allows for convenient cross-chain token swaps. As mentioned earlier, the inter-chain swap process takes three steps: 1) The user submits a quote request with a deposit to the RFQ contract on the source chain; 2) The market maker transfers tokens according to the quote to the user through the RFQ contract on the destination chain; and 3) The market maker receives the user's deposit by submitting proof of step 2 generated by Celer IM to the RFQ contract on the source chain. While analyzing the first step, we notice the current implementation in depositing in the source chain can be strengthened.

To elaborate, we show below the implementation of the \_srcDeposit() routine. This routine implements a rather straightforward logic in validating the input quote and sends a signal for the intended swap operation. The validation can be improved by also ensuring the given quote is not expired or at least no earlier than the current \_submissionDeadline, i.e., \_quote.deadline>\_submissionDeadline.

```
105
         function _srcDeposit(
106
             Quote calldata _quote,
107
             uint64 _submissionDeadline,
108
             uint256 _msgFee
109
         ) private returns (bytes32) {
110
             require(_submissionDeadline > block.timestamp, "Rfq: submission deadline passed"
                 );
111
             require(
112
                 _quote.receiver != address(0) && _quote.liquidityProvider != address(0),
113
                 "Rfq: invalid receiver or liquidityProvider"
114
```

```
115
             require(_quote.srcChainId == uint64(block.chainid), "Rfq: src chainId mismatch")
116
             require(_quote.sender == msg.sender, "Rfq: sender mismatch");
117
             bytes32 quoteHash = getQuoteHash(_quote);
118
             require(quotes[quoteHash] == QuoteStatus.Null, "Rfq: quote hash exists");
119
             uint256 rfqFee = getRfqFee(_quote.dstChainId, _quote.srcAmount);
120
             require(rfqFee <= _quote.srcAmount - _quote.srcReleaseAmount, "Rfq: insufficient</pre>
                  protocol fee");
121
122
             quotes[quoteHash] = QuoteStatus.SrcDeposited;
123
             if (_quote.srcChainId != _quote.dstChainId) {
124
                 address msgReceiver = remoteRfqContracts[_quote.dstChainId];
125
                 require(msgReceiver != address(0), "Rfq: dst contract not set");
126
                 bytes memory message = abi.encodePacked(quoteHash);
127
                 sendMessage(msgReceiver, _quote.dstChainId, message, _msgFee);
128
             }
129
             emit SrcDeposited(quoteHash, _quote);
130
             return quoteHash;
131
```

Listing 3.1: RFQ::\_srcDeposit()

**Recommendation** Improve the above implementation so that the submitted quote is fresh and not expired yet.

Status The issue has been addressed by the following commit: 7809218.

## 3.2 Trust Issue Of Admin Keys

• ID: PVE-002

• Severity: Medium

Likelihood: Low

Impact: High

Target: RFQ

• Category: Security Features [3]

CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [1]

#### Description

In the RFQ implementation, there is a privileged account that plays a critical role in governing and regulating the protocol-wide operations (e.g., configuring various system parameters). In the following, we show the representative functions potentially affected by the privilege of the account.

```
358
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < _chainIds.length; i++) {</pre>
359
                 remoteRfqContracts[_chainIds[i]] = _remoteRfqContracts[i];
360
361
             emit RfqContractsUpdated(_chainIds, _remoteRfqContracts);
362
        }
363
364
         function setFeePerc(uint64[] calldata _chainIds, uint32[] calldata _feePercs)
             external onlyGovernor {
365
             require(_chainIds.length == _feePercs.length, "Rfq: length mismatch");
366
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < _chainIds.length; i++) {</pre>
367
                 require(_feePercs[i] < 1e6, "Rfq: fee percentage too large");</pre>
368
                 if (_chainIds[i] == 0) {
369
                     feePercGlobal = _feePercs[i];
370
                 } else {
371
                     feePercOverride[_chainIds[i]] = _feePercs[i];
372
373
             }
374
             emit FeePercUpdated(_chainIds, _feePercs);
375
        }
376
377
         function setTreasuryAddr(address _treasuryAddr) external onlyOwner {
378
             treasuryAddr = _treasuryAddr;
379
             emit TreasuryAddrUpdated(_treasuryAddr);
380
```

Listing 3.2: Example Privileged Operations in RFQ

We emphasize that the privilege assignment may be necessary and consistent with the protocol design. However, it is worrisome if the privileged account is not governed by a DAD-like structure. Note that a compromised account would allow the attacker to modify a number of sensitive system parameters, which directly undermines the assumption of the protocol design.

**Recommendation** Promptly transfer the privileged account to the intended DAD-like governance contract. All changed to privileged operations may need to be mediated with necessary timelocks. Eventually, activate the normal on-chain community-based governance life-cycle and ensure the intended trustless nature and high-quality distributed governance.

**Status** The issue has been confirmed by the team.

## 3.3 Suggested Disallowance of Overpaid Native Coins

• ID: PVE-003

• Severity: Informational

• Likelihood: N/A

Impact: N/A

Target: RFQ

• Category: Coding Practices [4]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [2]

#### Description

Besides the inter-chain swap support, the RFQ swap also supports the traditional intra-chain swap, which in essence is a simplified version of inter-chain swap with no involvement of Celer IM. In the process of analyzing the intra-chain swap logic, we notice the native coin swap can be improved.

In the following, we show below the related sameChainTransferNative() function. As the name indicates, this function is used to support native coin swap within the same chain. It comes to our attention that the native coin swap enforces the following requirement, i.e., require(msg.value >= \_quote.dstAmount, "Rfq: insufficient amount") (line 164). While it indeed receives sufficient input tokens, there is a possibility of receiving overpaid tokens. And the overpaid tokens may be stuck in the current RFQ contract. To avoid that, we suggest to revise the above enforcement as follows: require(msg.value == \_quote.dstAmount, "Rfq: insufficient amount").

```
161
        function sameChainTransferNative(Quote calldata _quote, bool _releaseNative)
            external payable whenNotPaused {
162
            require(_quote.srcChainId == _quote.dstChainId, "Rfq: not same chain swap");
163
            require(_quote.dstToken == nativeWrap, "Rfq: dst token mismatch");
164
            require(msg.value >= _quote.dstAmount, "Rfq: insufficient amount");
165
            (bytes32 quoteHash, ) = _dstTransferCheck(_quote);
166
             _transferNativeToken(_quote.receiver, _quote.dstAmount);
167
             _srcRelease(_quote, quoteHash, _releaseNative);
168
            emit DstTransferred(quoteHash, _quote.receiver, _quote.dstToken, _quote.
                 dstAmount);
169
```

Listing 3.3: RFQ::sameChainTransferNative()

**Recommendation** Reject the cases when the user may accidently send more native coins than necessary.

Status The issue has been addressed by the following commit: 7809218

# 4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the RFQ swap, which works together with the Celer IM platform to enable secure and efficient intra- or inter-chain token swaps. Our analysis shows that the current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

Meanwhile, we need to emphasize that smart contracts as a whole are still in an early, but exciting stage of development. To improve this report, we greatly appreciate any constructive feedbacks or suggestions, on our methodology, audit findings, or potential gaps in scope/coverage.



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