

Terms of Service and Use

This Website and its related services are owned and operated by Pipchain South Africa. You acknowledge that any use of this Website and any use of our Services (except for API services if you agreed to a separate set of terms), is subject to these Terms of Service and Use ('Terms').

1. GENERAL

1.1. We reserve the right to change these Terms at any time, in our sole discretion. Any such changes in respect of your use of the Services will take effect when posted on the Website. If you have supplied us with an email address, we will also notify you by email of changes to these Terms.

1.2. It is your responsibility to read the Terms carefully on each occasion you use the Services. Your continued use of the Services shall signify your acceptance to be bound by the current Terms.

1.3. Failure or delay by Pipchain in enforcing or partially enforcing any provision of these Terms shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1. All references to the 'company,' 'us,' 'our,' 'we' or 'Pipchain' means Pipchain South Africa S.a.r.l., a company registered under the laws of South Africa, with a share capital of EUR 55,222.08, having its registered address at L-2340 South Africa, 1, rue Philippe II, registered with the South Africa Trade and Companies Register under number B 190.078 (Business License number B190078).

2.2. All references to 'you,' 'your,' or the 'user' mean the person or persons, using the Website and/or using the Services via the Website.

2.3. All references to the 'Website' shall include reference to all URL's operated by Pipchain.

2.4. 'Business Day' means a day other than a public holiday, a Saturday or a Sunday, in South Africa.

2.5. 'Services' means any feature provided by us via the Website or any local application (mobile desktop or otherwise), including without limitation Wallet services or pipchain information services, but excluding API services, which are governed by a separate agreement.

2.6. 'Communication' includes communication by email.

2.7. 'Deemed day of receipt' can only be on a Business Day, and means the day a Communication is received by Pipchain, if received during Pipchain's Business Hours, which are between 9:00am and 5:00pm on South Africa's time zone, and otherwise means the next Business Day at 9:00am South Africa time.

2.8. 'Force Majeure Event' means any event beyond Pipchain's reasonable control, including, but not limited to, flood, extraordinary weather conditions, earthquake, or other act of God, fire, war, insurrection, riot, labor dispute, accident, action of government, communications, power failure, or equipment or software malfunction.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. You hereby accept and acknowledge that you:

- (a) Are of legal age to agree to these Terms;
- (b) Have not previously been suspended or removed from using our Services.

3.2. If you are using the Services on behalf of a legal entity, you further represent and warrant that:

(i) The legal entity is duly organized and validly existing under the applicable laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, and

(ii) You are duly authorized by such legal entity to act on its behalf.

4. JURISDICTION, TERRITORIAL LIMITATIONS & SEVERABILITY

4.1. These Terms and your use of the Website and Services shall be governed by and construed in accordance with South Africa Law. Any dispute arising in connection with these Terms or your use of the Website or Services will be resolved exclusively in the courts of South Africa. Nothing in these Terms shall be deemed to affect your statutory rights under South Africa law.

4.2. If any part of these Terms is held by any court of South Africa to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part, the validity or enforceability of the other sections of these terms and conditions shall not be affected. Any headings contained in these Terms are for informational purposes only and are not enforceable provisions of these Terms.

5. PRIVACY POLICY & SECURITY

5.1. Please see our Privacy Policy at <https://pipchain.com/PrivacyPolicy.pdf>

5.2. We endeavour to take all reasonable steps to protect your personal information. However, we cannot guarantee the security of any data you disclose online. You accept the inherent security risks of providing information and dealing online over the Internet and will not hold us responsible for any breach of security unless this is due to our negligence.

6. ASSUMPTION OF RISK, LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY & INDEMNITY

6.1. You accept and acknowledge that there are risks associated with utilizing an Internetbased Pipcoin wallet service including, but not limited to, the risk of failure of hardware, software and Internet connections, the risk of malicious software introduction, and the risk that third parties may obtain unauthorized access to information stored within your Wallet, including, but not limited to your Wallet Address and Private Key (as defined below at 10.2.) You accept and acknowledge that Pipchain will not be responsible for any communication failures, disruptions, errors, distortions or delays you may experience when using the Services, however caused.

6.2. We will use reasonable endeavours to verify the accuracy of any information on the Website but we make no representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, statutory or otherwise, regarding the contents of the Website, information and functions made accessible through the Website, any hyperlinks to third party websites, nor for any breach of security associated with the transmission of information through the Website or any website linked to by the Website.

6.3. We will not be responsible or liable to you for any loss and take no responsibility for and will not be liable to you for any use of our Services, including but not limited to any losses, damages or claims arising from:

- (a) User error such as forgotten passwords, incorrectly constructed transactions, or mistyped Pipcoin addresses;
- (b) Server failure or data loss;
- (c) Corrupted Wallet files;
- (d) Unauthorized access to applications;
- (e) Any unauthorized third party activities, including without limitation the use of viruses, phishing, bruteforcing or other means of attack against the Website or Services.

6.4. We make no warranty that the Website or the server that makes it available, are free of viruses or errors, that its content is accurate, that it will be uninterrupted, or that defects will be corrected. We will not be responsible or liable to you for any loss of any kind, from action taken, or taken in reliance on material, or information, contained on the Website.

6.5. Subject to 7.1 below, any and all indemnities, warranties, terms and conditions (whether express or implied) are hereby excluded to the fullest extent permitted under South Africa law.

6.6. We will not be liable, in contract, or tort (including, without limitation, negligence), other than where we have been fraudulent or made negligent misrepresentations.

6.7. Nothing in these Terms excludes or limits liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence, fraudulent misrepresentation, or any other liability which may not otherwise be limited or excluded under South Africa law.

7. AGREEMENT TO HOLD PIPCHAIN HARMLESS

7.1. You agree to hold harmless Pipchain (and each of our officers, directors, members, employees, agents and affiliates) from any claim, demand, action, damage, loss, cost or expense, including without limitation reasonable legal fees, arising out or relating to:

7.1.1. Your use of, or conduct in connection with, our Services;

7.1.2. Any feedback or submissions you provide (see 19 below);

7.1.3. Your violation of these Terms; or

7.1.4. Violation of any rights of any other person or entity.

7.2. If you are obligated to indemnify us, we will have the right, in our sole discretion, to control any action or proceeding (at our expense) and determine whether we wish to settle it.

8. NO LIABILITY FOR THIRD PARTY SERVICES AND CONTENT

8.1. In using our Services, you may view content or utilize services provided by third parties, including links to web pages and services of such parties ("Third Party Content"). We do not control, endorse or adopt any Third-Party Content and will have no responsibility for Third Party Content including, without limitation, material that may be misleading, incomplete, erroneous, offensive, indecent or otherwise objectionable in your jurisdiction. In addition, your dealings or correspondence with such third parties are solely between you and the third parties. We are not responsible or liable for any loss or damage of any sort incurred as a result of any such dealings and you understand that your use of Third Party Content, and your interactions with third parties, is at your own risk.

9. WALLET REGISTRATION

9.1. You need not use a Pipchain Wallet. If you wish to use the Wallet, you must create a wallet with Pipchain to access the Services ("Wallet"). When you create a Wallet, you are strongly advised to take the following precautions, as failure to do so may result in loss of access to, and/or control over, your Wallet:

- (a) Create a strong password that you do not use for any other website or online service;
- (b) Provide accurate and truthful information;
- (c) Maintain and promptly update your Wallet information;
- (d) maintain the security of your Wallet by protecting your Wallet password and access to your computer and your Wallet;
- (e) Promptly notify us if you discover or otherwise suspect any security breaches related to your Wallet
- (f) use the backup functionality provided by the Wallet and safeguard your backup files as you would safeguard your most important personal information.

9.2. When you create a Wallet, we will assign you an identifier that you must retain to access your Wallet.

9.3. You hereby accept and acknowledge that you take responsibility for all activities that occur under your Wallet and accept all risks of any authorized or unauthorized access to your Wallet, to the maximum extent permitted by law.

10. THE PIPCHAIN SERVICES

10.1. As described in more detail below, the Services, among other things, provide in-browser (or otherwise local) software that

- (a) generates and stores Pipcoin Wallet Addresses and encrypted Private Keys (defined below), and
- (b) Facilitates the submission of Pipcoin transaction data to the Pipcoin network without requiring you to download or install the associated Pipcoin network software to your local device

10.2. Wallet Address and Private Key and Backup Phrase.

When you create a Wallet, the Services generate and store a cryptographic private and public key pair that you may use to send and receive Pipcoins via the Pipcoin network. An encrypted backup of certain information associated with the Wallet is stored by the Services. The Private Key uniquely matches the Wallet Address and must be used in connection with the Wallet Address to authorize the transfer of Pipcoins from that Wallet Address. You are solely responsible for maintaining the security of your Private Key and any backup phrase associated with your wallet. **You must keep your Wallet Address, backup phrase and Private Key access information secure. Failure to do so may result in the loss of control of Pipcoins associated with the Wallet.**

10.3. No Password Retrieval.

Pipchain **does not receive or store your Wallet password, nor the unencrypted keys and addresses.** Therefore, we cannot assist you with Wallet password retrieval. Our Services provide you with tools to help you remember or recover your password, including by allowing you to set password hints, but the Services cannot generate a new password for your Wallet. You are solely responsible for remembering your Wallet password. **If you have not safely stored a backup of any Wallet Addresses and Private Key pairs maintained in your Wallet, you accept and acknowledge that any Pipcoins you have associated with such Wallet Addresses will become inaccessible if you do not have your Wallet password.**

10.4. Transactions.

In order to be completed, all proposed Pipcoin transactions must be confirmed and recorded in the Pipcoin public ledger via the Pipcoin distributed consensus network (a peer-to-peer payment network that operates on a cryptographic protocol), which is not owned, controlled or operated

by Pipchain. The Pipcoin Network is operated by a decentralized network of independent third parties. Pipchain has no control over the Pipcoin network and therefore cannot and does not ensure that any transaction details you submit via the Services will be confirmed via the Pipcoin network. You acknowledge and agree that the transaction details you submit via the Services may not be completed, or may be substantially delayed, by the Pipcoin network. You may use the Services to submit these details to the network.

10.5. No Storage or Transmission of Pipcoins.

Pipcoins are an intangible, digital asset. They exist only by virtue of the ownership record maintained in the Pipcoin network. The Services do not store, send or receive Pipcoins. Any transfer of title that might occur in any Pipcoins occurs on the decentralized ledger within the Pipcoin network and not within the Services. We do not guarantee that the Service can effect the transfer of title or right in any Pipcoins.

10.6. Relationship.

Nothing in these Terms is intended to nor shall create any partnership, joint venture, agency, consultancy or trusteeship, you and Pipchain being with respect to one another independent contractors.

10.7. Accuracy of Information.

You represent and warrant that any information you provide via the Services is accurate and complete. You accept and acknowledge that Pipchain is not responsible for any errors or omissions that you make in connection with any Pipcoin transaction initiated via the Services, for instance, if you mistype a Wallet Address or otherwise provide incorrect information. **We strongly encourage you to review your transaction details carefully before completing them via the Services.**

10.8. No Cancellations or Modifications.

Once transaction details have been submitted to the Pipcoin network via the Services, The Services cannot assist you to cancel or otherwise modify your transaction details. Pipchain has no control over the Pipcoin Network and does not have the ability to facilitate any cancellation or modification requests.

10.9. Taxes.

It is your responsibility to determine what, if any, taxes apply to the transactions you for which you have submitted transaction details via the Services, and it is your responsibility to report and remit the correct tax to the appropriate tax authority. You agree that Pipchain is not responsible for determining whether taxes apply to your Pipcoin transactions or for collecting, reporting, withholding or remitting any taxes arising from any Pipcoin transactions.

11. FEES FOR USING THE PIPCHAIN SERVICES

11.1. **Company Fees** Creating a Wallet is free. Pipchain does not currently charge fees for any Services, however we reserve the right to do so in future, and in such case any applicable fees will be displayed prior to you using any Service to which a fee applies.

12. MINERS FEES

12.1. **Overview of Pipcoin Mining.** The Pipcoin network (described above) is operated by a network of computers that have installed certain Pipcoin network software. The individuals who operate those computers, called “miners,” voluntarily participate in the Pipcoin network confirmation process. Pipcoin miners compile a list of pending Pipcoin transactions, called “blocks,” verify that each transaction in the block is valid and does not involve an attempt to re-spend Pipcoins, and complete a mathematical algorithm to confirm that a given block should be added to the public ledger of confirmed blocks, called the “pipchain.” Miners receive:

(i) An amount of Pipcoins as a reward, which are generated automatically via the Pipcoin network; and (ii) Any fees voluntarily included within the block by the individuals who initiated the proposed transactions

(“Miners Fees”). Since miners verify Pipcoin transactions on a voluntary basis, it is customary to include a Miners Fee in order to provide an incentive to the miners to add a proposed transaction to the next block for confirmation via the Pipcoin network.

13. DEFAULT MINERS FEE

13.1. You may modify your default Miners Fee settings by accessing the ‘account settings’ feature of your Wallet. You accept and acknowledge that Pipchain does not receive any Miners Fees in connection with providing the Services, and is not responsible for the speed at which your transactions may be verified by miners.

14. NO RIGHT TO CANCEL PIPCHAIN SERVICES OR MINERS FEES

14.1. If you use a Service to which a charge applies, or you initiate a transaction with a Miners Fee via the Services, you will not be able to change your mind once you have confirmed that you wish to proceed with the Service or transaction.

15. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICES

15.1. We may, in our sole discretion and without cost to you, with or without prior notice and at any time, modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, any portion of our Services. You are solely responsible for storing, outside of the Services, a backup of any Wallet Address and Private Key pair that you maintain in your Wallet.

15.2. If you do not maintain a backup of your Wallet data outside of the Services, you will be may not be able to access Pipcoins associated with any Wallet Address maintained in your Wallet in the event that we discontinue or deprecate the Services.

16. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF SERVICES

16.1. We may suspend or terminate your access to the Services in our sole discretion, immediately and without prior notice, and delete or deactivate your Wallet and all related information and files in such without cost to you, including, for instance, in the event that you breach any term of these Terms. **In the event of termination, your access to funds will depend on your access to your backup of your Wallet data including your wallet Address and Private Key.**

17. ACCEPTABLE USE

17.1. When accessing or using the Services, you agree that you will not commit any unlawful act, and that you are solely responsible for your conduct while using our Services. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, you agree that you will not:

17.1.1. Use our Services in any manner that could interfere with, disrupt, negatively affect or inhibit other users from fully enjoying our Services, or that could damage, disable, overburden or impair the functioning of our Services in any manner;

17.1.2. Use our Services to pay for, support or otherwise engage in any illegal activities, including, but not limited to illegal gambling, fraud, money laundering, or terrorist activities.

17.1.3. Use any robot, spider, crawler, scraper or other automated means or interface not provided by us to access our Services or to extract data; 17.1.4. Use or attempt to use another user's Wallet without authorization;

17.1.5. Attempt to circumvent any content filtering techniques we employ, or attempt to access any service or area of our Services that you are not authorized to access;

17.1.6. Introduce to the Services any virus, Trojan, worms, logic bombs or other harmful material;

17.1.7. Develop any third-party applications that interact with our Services without our prior written consent;

17.1.8. Provide false, inaccurate, or misleading information; or

17.1.9. Encourage or induce any third party to engage in any of the activities prohibited under this Section.