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Aqua Stake

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Introduction

SolidProof.io is a brand of the officially registered company MAKE Network GmbH, based in Germany. We're mainly focused on Blockchain Security such as Smart Contract Audits and KYC verification for project teams.

Solidproof.io assess potential security issues in the smart contracts implementations, review for potential inconsistencies between the code base and the whitepaper/documentation, and provide suggestions for improvement.

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Project Overview

Summary

Project Name	Aqua Stake
Website	https://aquastake.org/
About the project	Aquastake is a revolutionary liquid staking protocol designed to maximize returns for users while ensuring their assets remain liquid. Leveraging advanced Automated Market Maker (AMM) protocols, Aquastake offers a seamless staking experience with optimized yields.
Chain	Ethereum
Language	Solidity
Codebase	Staking: https://etherscan.io/address/0xe9c91b7e090f8df e326372af027d9fb5a7518086#code Token: https://etherscan.io/token/0x4ea095f97d6eb0a8d 57a5e9443fd97d63cecef73#code
Commit	N/A
Unit Tests	Not Provided

Social Medias

Telegram	https://t.me/aquastakeportal
Twitter	https://twitter.com/Aqua_Stake
Facebook	N/A
Instagram	N/A
GitHub	N/A
Reddit	N/A
Medium	N/A
Discord	N/A
YouTube	N/A
TikTok	N/A
LinkedIn	N/A



Audit Summary

Version	Delivery Date	Change Log
v1.0	28. March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Layout Project· Automated/ Manual-Security Testing· Summary
v1.2	16.May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Reaudit

Note – The following audit report presents a comprehensive security analysis of the smart contract utilized in the project that includes outside manipulation of the contract's functions in a malicious way. This analysis did not include functional testing (or unit testing) of the contract/s logic. We cannot guarantee 100% logical correctness of the contract as we did not functionally test it. This includes internal calculations in the formulae used in the contract.



File Overview

The Team provided us with the files that should be tested in the security assessment. This audit covered the following files listed below with an SHA-1 Hash.

File Name	SHA-1 Hash
contracts/SAQUACoin.sol	a8d2dbf0282838458b48da27f14510d877821c7b
contracts/AquaStaking.sol	995a5572ad530cf4a9f8bc53d5d250395f004069

Please note: Files with a different hash value than in this table have been modified after the security check, either intentionally or unintentionally. A different hash value may (but need not) be an indication of a changed state or potential vulnerability that was not the subject of this scan.

Imported packages.

Used code from other Frameworks/Smart Contracts.

N/A

Note for Investors: We only audited contracts mentioned in the scope above. All contracts related to the project apart from that are not a part of the audit, and we cannot comment on its security and are not responsible for it in any way.



External/Public functions

External/public functions are functions that can be called from outside of a contract, i.e., they can be accessed by other contracts or external accounts on the blockchain. These functions are specified using the function declaration's external or public visibility modifier.

State variables

State variables are variables that are stored on the blockchain as part of the contract's state. They are declared at the contract level and can be accessed and modified by any function within the contract. State variables can be needed within visibility modifier, such as public, private or internal, which determines the access level of the variable.

Components

 Contracts	 Libraries	 Interfaces	 Abstract
3	1	5	5

Exposed Functions

This section lists functions that are explicitly declared public or payable. Please note that getter methods for public stateVars are not included.

 Public	 Payable			
56	2			
External	Internal	Private	Pure	View
40	62	9	2	23

StateVariables

Total	 Public
40	22

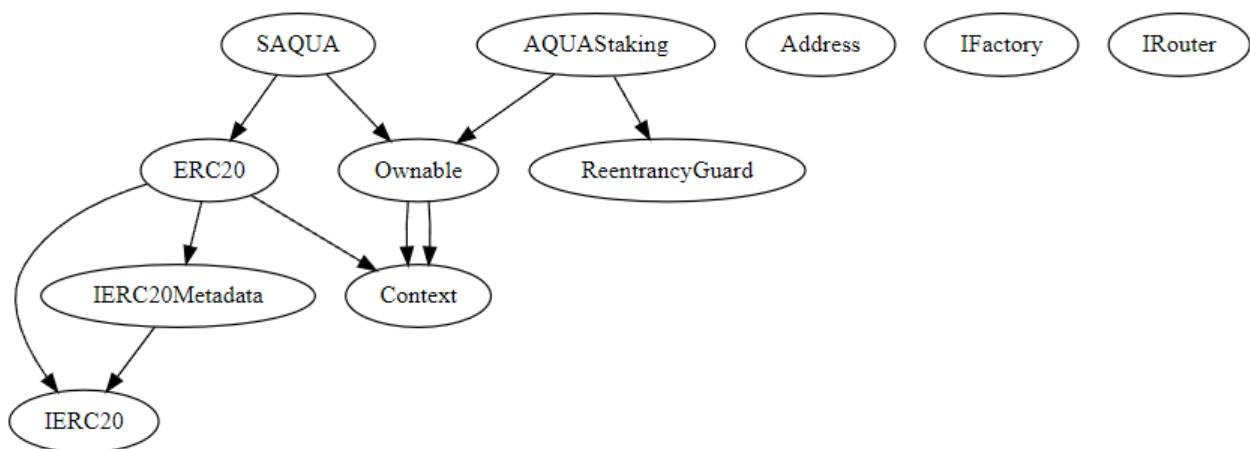


Capabilities

Solidity Versions observed	Experimental Features	Can Receive Funds	Uses Assembly	Has Destroyable Contracts	
0.8.20 0.8.19	-----	yes		-----	
Transfer s ETH	Low-Level Calls	Delegate Call	Uses Hash Functions	ECRecover	New/Create/Create2
yes					

Inheritance Graph

An inheritance graph is a graphical representation of the inheritance hierarchy among contracts. In object-oriented programming, inheritance is a mechanism that allows one class (or contract, in the case of Solidity) to inherit properties and methods from another class. It shows the relationships between different contracts and how they are related to each other through inheritance.



Audit Information

Vulnerability & Risk Level

Risk represents the probability that a certain source threat will exploit the vulnerability and the impact of that event on the organization or system. The risk level is computed based on CVSS version 3.0.

Level	Value	Vulnerability	Risk (Required Action)
Critical	9 - 10	A vulnerability that can disrupt the contract functioning in a number of scenarios, or creates a risk that the contract may be broken.	Immediate action to reduce risk level.
High	7 - 8.9	A vulnerability that affects the desired outcome when using a contract, or provides the opportunity to use a contract in an unintended way.	Implementation of corrective actions as soon as possible.
Medium	4 - 6.9	A vulnerability that could affect the desired outcome of executing the contract in a specific scenario.	Implementation of corrective actions in a certain period.
Low	2 - 3.9	A vulnerability that does not have a significant impact on possible scenarios for the use of the contract and is probably subjective.	Implementation of certain corrective actions or accepting the risk.
Informational	0 - 1.9	A vulnerability that has informational character but is not affecting any of the code.	An observation that does not determine a level of risk



Auditing Strategy and Techniques Applied

Throughout the review process, care was taken to check the repository for security-related issues, code quality, and compliance with specifications and best practices. To this end, our team of experienced pen-testers and smart contract developers reviewed the code line by line and documented any issues discovered.

We check every file manually. We use automated tools only so that they help us achieve faster and better results.

Methodology

The auditing process follows a routine series of steps:

1. Code review that includes the following:
 - a. Reviewing the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to SolidProof to ensure we understand the size, scope, and functionality of the smart contract.
 - b. Manual review of the code, i.e., reading the source code line by line to identify potential vulnerabilities.
 - c. Comparison to the specification, i.e., verifying that the code does what is described in the specifications, sources, and instructions provided to SolidProof.
2. Testing and automated analysis that includes the following:
 - a. Test coverage analysis determines whether test cases cover code and how much code is executed when those test cases are executed.
 - b. Symbolic execution, which is analysing a program to determine what inputs cause each part of a program to execute.
3. Review best practices, i.e., review smart contracts to improve efficiency, effectiveness, clarity, maintainability, security, and control based on best practices, recommendations, and research from industry and academia.
4. Concrete, itemized and actionable recommendations to help you secure your smart contracts.



Overall Security Upgradeability

Contract is not an upgradable

 Deployer cannot update the contract with new functionalities.

Description	The contract is not an upgradeable contract. The Deployer is not able to change or add any functionalities to the contract after deploying.
Comment	N/A





Ownership

Contract ownership is not renounced.

 The ownership is not renounced.

Description

The owner has not renounced the ownership that means that the owner retains control over the contract's operations, including the ability to execute functions that may impact the contract's users or stakeholders. This can lead to several potential issues, including:

- Centralizations
- The owner has significant control over contract's operations.

Comment

N/A

Note – *The contract cannot be considered as renounced till it is not deployed or having some functionality that can change the state of the contract.*

Ownership Privileges

These functions can be dangerous. Please note that abuse can lead to financial loss. We have a guide where you can learn more about these Functions.

Minting tokens

Minting tokens refer to the process of creating new tokens in a cryptocurrency or blockchain network. This process is typically performed by the project's owner or designated authority, who has the ability to add new tokens to the network's total supply.

Contract owner cannot mint new tokens.



The owner cannot mint new tokens.

Description

The owner cannot mint new tokens once the contract is deployed.

Comment

N/A



Burning tokens

Burning tokens is the process of permanently destroying a certain number of tokens, reducing the total supply of a cryptocurrency or token. This is usually done to increase the value of the remaining tokens, as the reduced supply can create scarcity and potentially drive up demand.

Contract owner cannot burn tokens	 The owner cannot burn tokens.
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Description	The owner is not able burn tokens without any allowances.
Comment	N/A



Blacklist addresses

Blacklisting addresses in smart contracts is the process of adding a certain address to a blacklist, effectively preventing them from accessing or participating in certain functionalities or transactions within the contract. This can be useful in preventing fraudulent or malicious activities, such as hacking attempts or money laundering.

Contract owner cannot blacklist addresses.

 **The owner cannot blacklist wallets.**

Description	The owner cannot blacklist wallets from transferring of tokens.
Comment	N/A



Fees and Tax

In some smart contracts, the owner or creator of the contract can set fees for certain actions or operations within the contract. These fees can be used to cover the cost of running the contract, such as paying for gas fees or compensating the contract's owner for their time and effort in developing and maintaining the contract.

Contract owner can set fees more than 25%.

X The owner can set fees more than 25%.

Description The owner can set fees of more than 25%.

Comment The owner can set the buy and sell fees up to 40% in the contract which is not recommended as there must be a check where the fees in the contract should not be more than 25%. Higher fees can cause the loss of funds for the user.

File/Line(s): L368-373, L382-387

Codebase: SAQUACoin.sol

```
0 references | Control flow graph | a3ca847d | 2 references | ftrace | funcSig
function setBuyTaxes(uint256 _devt) external onlyOwner{
    buyTaxes = Taxes(_devt);
    totBuyTax = _devt;
    require(totBuyTax <= 40,"Total buy fees cannot be greater than 5%");
    emit BuyTaxesUpdated();
}
```

```
0 references | Control flow graph | 0940bbc7 | 2 references | ftrace | funcSig
function setSellTaxes(uint256 _devt) external onlyOwner{
    sellTaxes = Taxes(_devt);
    totSellTax = _devt ;
    require(totSellTax <= 40,"Total sell fees cannot be greater than 5%");
    emit SellTaxesUpdated();
}
```



Lock User Funds

In a smart contract, locking refers to the process of restricting access to certain tokens or assets for a specified period of time. When token or assets are locked in a smart contract, they cannot be transferred or used until the lock-up period has expired or certain conditions have been met.

Contract owner cannot lock function.



The owner cannot lock function.

Description	The owner cannot lock the contract.
Comment	N/A



Centralization Privileges

Centralization can arise when one or more parties have privileged access or control over the contract's functionality, data, or decision-making. This can occur, for example, if the contract is controlled by a single entity or if certain participants have special permissions or abilities that others do not.

In the project, there are authorities that have access to the following functions:

File	Privileges
SAQUACoin.sol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The owner can enable/disable swapping. ➤ The owner can update the minimum swap threshold between 0.001% to 3% of the total supply. ➤ The owner can enable trading only once. ➤ The owner can set the total buy and sell tax up to 40%. ➤ The owner can update the dev wallet address. ➤ The owner can update the pair's wallet address. ➤ The owner can exclude wallets from fees. ➤ The owner can claim stuck ETH and tokens from the contract including the contract's tokens.
AquaStaking.sol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The owner can change the returns settings in the contract. ➤ The owner can enable/disable staking. ➤ The owner can withdraw tokens from the contract.

Recommendations

To avoid potential hacking risks, it is advisable for the client to manage the private key of the privileged account with care. Additionally, we recommend enhancing the security practices of centralized privileges or roles in the protocol through a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts, such as multi-signature wallets.

Here are some suggestions of what the client can do:

- Consider using multi-signature wallets: Multi-signature wallets require multiple parties to sign off on a transaction before it can be executed, providing an extra layer of security e.g. Gnosis Safe
- Use of a timelock at least with a latency of e.g. 48-72 hours for awareness of privileged operations
- Introduce a DAO/Governance/Voting module to increase transparency and user involvement



- Consider Renouncing the ownership so that the owner cannot modify any state variables of the contract anymore. Make sure to set up everything before renouncing.





Audit Result

Critical Issues

No critical issues

High Issues

#1 | The owner can withdraw staked tokens.

File	Severity	Location	Status
AquaStaking.sol	High	L307-314	Fixed

Description – The owner can withdraw tokens from the contract including the staked tokens from the contract which is not recommended as this can cause the loss of funds for the user.

Remediation – Add a ‘require’ check that the owner cannot withdraw the staked tokens from the contract to avoid these circumstances.

Medium Issue

#1 | The owner can mint tokens.

File	Severity	Location	Status
SAQUACoin.sol	Medium	L17-19	Fixed

Description – The owner can mint any arbitrary amount of tokens to any wallet after the initial deployment which is not recommended as this can manipulate the supply of tokens. There must be a fixed supply so that the tokens cannot be minted more than that particular amount.

Remediation – Add a maximum total supply in the contract so that the amount of tokens should not be minted above the threshold.



#2 | The owner can set buy and sell fees of more than 25%.

File	Severity	Location	Status
SAQUACoin.sol	Medium	L368-380	ACK

Description – The owner can set the buy and sell fees up to 40% in the contract which is not recommended as there must be a check where the fees in the contract should not be more than 25%. Higher fees can cause the loss of funds for the user.

#3 | Missing 'require' check (Potential honeypot).

File	Severity	Location	Status
SAQUACoin.sol	Medium	L382-387	ACK

Description – The owner can set any arbitrary amount to the dev wallet address, excluding zero address as this can lead to a potential honeypot if the owner has set the address to a contract address that cannot receive ETH. It is recommended that the address cannot be set to a contract address that cannot receive ETH to avoid these circumstances.

Low Issue

#1 | Floating pragma solidity version.

File	Severity	Location	Status
SAQUACoin.sol	Low	L10	Fixed

Description – Adding the constant version of solidity is recommended, as this prevents the unintentional deployment of a contract with an outdated compiler that contains unresolved bugs.

#2 | Missing events arithmetic.

File	Severity	Location	Status
AquaStaking.sol	Low	L289-291, L293-296	ACK
SAQUACoin.sol	Low	L389-392	ACK

Description – Emit all the critical parameter changes.



#3 | Incorrect 'require' error message.

File	Severity	Location	Status
SAQUACoin.sol	Low	L371, 384	ACK

Description – It is recommended to add the correct error message int the check as the fees can be set up to 40% but the error message is set to 5%.

Informational Issue

#1 | NatSpec Documentation missing.

File	Severity	Location	Status
All	Informational	--	ACK

Description – If you started to comment on your code, also comment on all other functions, variables, etc.

Legend for the Issue Status

Attribute or Symbol	Meaning
Open	The issue is not fixed by the project team.
Fixed	The issue is fixed by the project team.
Acknowledged(ACK)	The issue has been acknowledged or declared as part of business logic.



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