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Pangolin – Fee Collector Smart Contract Security Audit

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EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Pangolin engaged Halborn to conduct a security audit on their fee collector smart contract beginning on December 9th, 2021 and ending on December 11th, 2021. The security assessment was scoped to the smart contract provided in the Github repository pangolindex/fee-collector.

1.2 AUDIT SUMMARY

The team at Halborn was provided a week for the engagement and assigned a full time security engineer to audit the security of the smart contract. The security engineer is a blockchain and smart-contract security expert with advanced penetration testing, smart-contract hacking, and deep knowledge of multiple blockchain protocols.

The purpose of this audit is to:

- Ensure that smart contract functions operate as intended
- Identify potential security issues with the smart contracts

In summary, Halborn identified some security risks that were addressed by Pangolin team.

1.3 TEST APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

Halborn performed a combination of manual and automated security testing to balance efficiency, timeliness, practicality, and accuracy in regard to the scope of this audit. While manual testing is recommended to uncover flaws in logic, process, and implementation; automated testing techniques help enhance coverage of the bridge code and can quickly identify items that do not follow security best practices. The following phases and associated tools were used throughout the term of the audit:

- Research into architecture and purpose
- Smart contract manual code review and walkthrough
- Graphing out functionality and contract logic/connectivity/functions (solgraph)
- Manual assessment of use and safety for the critical Solidity variables and functions in scope to identify any arithmetic related vulnerability classes
- Manual testing by custom scripts
- Scanning of solidity files for vulnerabilities, security hotspots or bugs. (MythX)
- Static Analysis of security for scoped contract, and imported functions. (Slither)
- Testnet deployment (Brownie, Remix IDE)

RISK METHODOLOGY:

Vulnerabilities or issues observed by Halborn are ranked based on the risk assessment methodology by measuring the **LIKELIHOOD** of a security incident and the **IMPACT** should an incident occur. This framework works for communicating the characteristics and impacts of technology vulnerabilities. The quantitative model ensures repeatable and accurate measurement while enabling users to see the underlying vulnerability characteristics that were used to generate the Risk scores. For every vulnerability, a risk level will be calculated on a scale of 5 to 1 with 5 being the highest likelihood or impact.

RISK SCALE - LIKELIHOOD

- 5 Almost certain an incident will occur.
- 4 High probability of an incident occurring.
- 3 Potential of a security incident in the long term.
- 2 Low probability of an incident occurring.
- 1 Very unlikely issue will cause an incident.

RISK SCALE - IMPACT

- 5 May cause devastating and unrecoverable impact or loss.
- 4 May cause a significant level of impact or loss.

- 3 May cause a partial impact or loss to many.
- 2 May cause temporary impact or loss.
- 1 May cause minimal or un-noticeable impact.

The risk level is then calculated using a sum of these two values, creating a value of 10 to 1 with 10 being the highest level of security risk.

CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	INFORMATIONAL
10 - CRITICAL 9 - 8 - HIGH 7 - 6 - MEDIUM 5 - 4 - LOW 3 - 1 - VERY LO	OW AND INFORMAT	ΓIONAL		

1.4 SCOPE

IN-SCOPE:

The security assessment was scoped to the following smart contracts:

• FeeCollector.sol

Commit ID: 903abab3be7af7c4266c26117d83a17a9b2922e7 Fixed Commit ID: 4593ee78524bc4da49ebb425eae167a42ae9fb4f

2. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY & FINDINGS OVERVIEW



IMPACT

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

SECURITY ANALYSIS	RISK LEVEL	REMEDIATION DATE
HALØ1 – DOS WITH BLOCK GAS LIMIT	Low	SOLVED - 01/10/2022
HAL02 - USING ++I CONSUMES LESS GAS THAN I++ IN LOOPS	Informational	SOLVED - 01/10/2022
HAL03 – NO NEED TO INITIALIZE UINT256 I VARIABLE TO 0	Informational	SOLVED - 01/10/2022
HAL04 - POSSIBLE MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNCTIONS	Informational	SOLVED - 01/10/2022

FINDINGS & TECH DETAILS

3.1 (HAL-01) DOS WITH BLOCK GAS LIMIT - LOW

Description:

When smart contracts are deployed or functions inside them are called, the execution of these actions always require a certain amount of gas, based on how much computation is needed to complete them. The Ethereum network specifies a block gas limit and the sum of all transactions included in a block cannot exceed the threshold. Programming patterns that are harmless in centralized applications can lead to Denial of Service conditions in smart contracts when the cost of executing a function exceeds the block gas limit. In the contract FeeCollector.sol, the function _collectFees() iterates over an array of liquidityPairs of unknown size. If this array is big enough, the transaction could reach the block gas limit and would not be completed.

Code Location:

Listing 1: FeeCollector.sol (Lines 123)
120 function _collectFees(address[] memory liquidityPairs,
121 address outputToken) internal {
<pre>122 require(outputToken != address(0), "Output token unspecified")</pre>
;
<pre>123 for (uint256 i = 0; i < liquidityPairs.length; i++) {</pre>
<pre>124 address currentPairAddress = liquidityPairs[i];</pre>
125 IPangolinPair currentPair = IPangolinPair(
<pre>currentPairAddress);</pre>
<pre>126 uint256 pglBalance = currentPair.balanceOf(address(this));</pre>
127 if (pglBalance > 0) {
128 _pullLiquidity(currentPair, pglBalance);
129 address token0 = currentPair.token0();
<pre>130 address token1 = currentPair.token1();</pre>
131 if (token0 != outputToken) {
132 _swap(token0, outputToken,
133 IERC20(token0).balanceOf(address(this)));
134 }
135 if (token1 != outputToken) {

```
136
137
138
139 }
140 }
141 }
```

}

Risk Level:

Likelihood - 2 Impact - 3

Recommendation:

It is recommended to limit the size of the liquidityPairs parameter in the harvest() function. For example:

_swap(token1, outputToken,

IERC20(token1).balanceOf(address(this)));

```
Listing 2: FeeCollector.sol (Lines 150)
148 function harvest(address[] memory liquidityPairs, bool
      claimMiniChef)
149 public {
       require (liquidityPairs.length <= 30, "liquidityPairs should</pre>
           be <= 30")
       address _outputToken = IStakingRewards(stakingRewards).
           rewardsToken();
       if (claimMiniChef) {
            IMiniChef(MINICHEF).harvest(miniChefPoolId, address(this))
       }
       if (liquidityPairs.length > 0) {
           _collectFees(liquidityPairs, _outputToken);
       }
       uint256 _finalBalance = IERC20(_outputToken).balanceOf(address
           (this));
       uint256 _callIncentive = _finalBalance * harvestIncentive
```

```
165 uint256 _totalRewards = _finalBalance - _callIncentive;
166
167 if (_callIncentive > 0 && _totalRewards > 0) {
168 IERC20(_outputToken).safeTransfer(stakingRewards,
        _totalRewards);
169 // No need for event as notifyRewardAmount will create one
170 IStakingRewards(stakingRewards).notifyRewardAmount(
        _totalRewards);
171 IERC20(_outputToken).safeTransfer(msg.sender,
        _callIncentive);
172 }
173 174 }
```

Remediation Plan:

SOLVED: Pangolin team limited the size of the liquidityPairs parameter in the harvest() function to 50.

3.2 (HAL-02) USING ++I CONSUMES LESS GAS THAN I++ IN LOOPS -INFORMATIONAL

Description:

In the loop, the variable i is incremented using i++. It is known that, in loops, using ++i costs less gas per iteration than i++.

Code Location:

FeeCollector.sol

Line 123: for (uint256 i = 0; i < liquidityPairs.length; i++)

Proof of Concept:

For example, based in the following test contract:

```
Listing 3: Test.sol
1 //SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
2 pragma solidity 0.8.9;
3
4 contract test {
5  function postiincrement(uint256 iterations) public {
6  for (uint256 i = 0; i < iterations; i++) {
7  }
8  }
9  function preiincrement(uint256 iterations) public {
10  for (uint256 i = 0; i < iterations; ++i) {
11  }
12  }
13 }</pre>
```

We can see the difference in the gas costs:

```
>>> test_contract.postiincrement(1)
Transaction sent: 0xlecede6b109b707786d3685bd71dd9f22dc389957653036ca04c4cd2e72c5e0b
Gas price: 0.0 gwei Gas limit: 6721975 Nonce: 44
test.postiincrement confirmed Block: 13622335 Gas used: 21620 (0.32%)
```

<Transaction '0xf060d04714eff8482a828342414d5a20be9958c822d42860e7992aba20e1de05'>

Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 1

Recommendation:

It is recommended to use ++i instead of i++ to increment the value of an uint variable inside a loop. This is not applicable outside of loops.

Remediation Plan:

SOLVED: Pangolin team uses now ++i to increment the i variable inside loops, saving some gas.

3.3 (HAL-03) NO NEED TO INITIALIZE UINT256 I VARIABLE TO 0 -INFORMATIONAL

Description:

As miniChefPoolId is an uint256, it is already initialized to 0. uint256 public miniChefPoolId = 0; reassigns the 0 to miniChefPoolId which wastes gas. The same applies to the uint256 i variable declared in the loop.

Code Location:

```
FeeCollector.sol
Line 27: uint256 public miniChefPoolId = 0;
Line 123: for (uint256 i = 0; i < liquidityPairs.length; i++)</pre>
```

Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 1

Recommendation:

It is recommended to not initialize the two variables mentioned to 0 to save some gas. For example: Line 27: uint256 public miniChefPoolId; Line 123: for (uint256 i; i < liquidityPairs.length; i++)</pre>

Remediation Plan:

SOLVED: Pangolin team removed the initialization to zero for the two variables mentioned.

3.4 (HAL-04) POSSIBLE MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNCTIONS - INFORMATIONAL

Description:

In the PangolinFeeCollector contract there is a function marked as public but it is never directly called within the same contract or in any of their descendants:

FeeCollector.sol

- harvest() (FeeCollector.sol#148-174)

Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1 Impact - 1

Recommendation:

If the function is not intended to be called internally or by their descendants, it is better to mark it as external to reduce gas costs.

Remediation Plan:

SOLVED: Pangolin team declared the harvest() function as external.

AUTOMATED TESTING

4.1 STATIC ANALYSIS REPORT

Description:

Halborn used automated testing techniques to enhance the coverage of certain areas of the scoped contracts. Among the tools used was Slither, a Solidity static analysis framework. After Halborn verified all the contracts in the repository and was able to compile them correctly into their abi and binary formats, Slither was run on the all-scoped contracts. This tool can statically verify mathematical relationships between Solidity variables to detect invalid or inconsistent usage of the contracts' APIs across the entire code-base.

Slither results:





4.2 AUTOMATED SECURITY SCAN

Description:

Halborn used automated security scanners to assist with detection of well-known security issues, and to identify low-hanging fruits on the targets for this engagement. Among the tools used was MythX, a security analysis service for Ethereum smart contracts. MythX performed a scan on all the contracts and sent the compiled results to the analyzers to locate any vulnerabilities.

MythX results:

MythX only found some issues in the following smart contracts:

FeeCollector.sol Report for contracts/FeeCollector.sol

dashboard.mythx.io/#/console/anal

Line	SWC Title	Severity	Short Description
80	(SWC-101) Integer Overflow and Underflow	Unknown	Arithmetic operation "+" discovered
96	(SWC-110) Assert Violation	Unknown	Out of bounds array access
97	(SWC-110) Assert Violation	Unknown	Out of bounds array access
100	(SWC-110) Assert Violation	Unknown	Out of bounds array access
101	(SWC-110) Assert Violation	Unknown	Out of bounds array access
102	(SWC-110) Assert Violation	Unknown	Out of bounds array access
112	(SWC-101) Integer Overflow and Underflow	Unknown	Arithmetic operation "+" discovered
123	(SWC-101) Integer Overflow and Underflow	Unknown	Arithmetic operation "++" discovered
124	(SWC-110) Assert Violation	Unknown	Out of bounds array access
163	(SWC-101) Integer Overflow and Underflow	Unknown	Arithmetic operation "/" discovered
163	(SWC-101) Integer Overflow and Underflow	Unknown	Arithmetic operation "*" discovered
165	(SWC-101) Integer Overflow and Underflow	Unknown	Arithmetic operation "-" discovered

- Integer Overflows and Underflows flagged by MythX are false positives, as the contract is using Solidity 0.8.9 version. After the Solidity version 0.8.0 Arithmetic operations revert to underflow and overflow by default.
- Assert violations are false positives.

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