#### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 15, 2023

# AULT ALLIANCE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 001-12711 (Commission File Number) 94-1721931 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

11411 Southern Highlands Parkway, Suite 240, Las Vegas, NV 89141 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

#### (949) 444-5464

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the followin provisions:
<ul> <li>□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)</li> <li>□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)</li> <li>□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))</li> <li>□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))</li> </ul>
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

	Trading	
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	AULT	NYSEAmerican
13.00% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual	AULT PRD	NYSEAmerican
Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share		

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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Emerging growth company  $\square$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

#### ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On August 15, 2023, Ault Alliance, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Company and two affiliates have reached a settlement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") to fully resolve the SEC's previously disclosed investigation into certain of the Company's public disclosures and its accounting for certain transactions, among other matters. A copy of this press release is furnished herewith as <u>Exhibit</u> 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information under this item shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information required to be disclosed solely to satisfy the requirements of Regulation FD.

The Securities and Exchange Commission encourages registrants to disclose forward-looking information so that investors can better understand the future prospects of a registrant and make informed investment decisions. This Current Report on Form 8-K and exhibits may contain these types of statements, which are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and which involve risks, uncertainties and reflect the Registrant's judgment as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K. Forward-looking statements may relate to, among other things, operating results and are indicated by words or phrases such as "expects," "should," "will," and similar words or phrases. These statements are subject to inherent uncertainties and risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated at the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K. Investors are cautioned not to rely unduly on forward-looking statements when evaluating the information presented within.

#### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

#### (d) Exhibits:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued on August 15, 2023.
101	Pursuant to Rule 406 of Regulation S-T, the cover page is formatted in Inline XBRL (Inline eXtensible Business Reporting Language).
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document and included in Exhibit 101).

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AULT ALLIANCE, INC.

Dated: August 15, 2023

/s/ Henry Nisser

Henry Nisser

President and General Counsel



## **Ault Alliance Announces Settlement of SEC Investigation**

LAS VEGAS--(BUSINESS WIRE) – August 15, 2023 – Ault Alliance, Inc. (NYSE American: AULT), a diversified holding company ("Ault Alliance" or the "Company") today announced that the Company, Executive Chairman Milton C. Ault, and Chief Executive Officer William B. Horne have reached a settlement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to fully resolve the SEC's previously disclosed investigation into certain of the Company's public disclosures and its accounting for certain transactions, among other matters.

Under terms of the settlement, the Company, Mr. Ault, and Mr. Horne neither admit nor deny the SEC's findings, which do not entail intentional misconduct. The Company will pay a civil penalty of \$700,000 that was fully accrued in the fourth quarter of 2022; Mr. Ault will pay disgorgement of \$85,504 and a civil penalty of \$150,000; and Mr. Horne will pay a civil penalty of \$20,720. In addition, the Company has undertaken to retain an independent consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures, and to issue a report providing recommendations for improvements.

Further details of the settlement can be found in the settlement documents, which are publicly available on the SEC's website.

The Company believes that this settlement is the right course of action for the Company and continues to be committed to operating at the highest level of integrity, including with respect to its public filings and communications with investors.

Milton C. Ault, III, the Company's Executive Chairman, stated that: "Our settlement fully resolves the issues raised by the SEC's investigation, and we are focused on moving forward with the Company's business. Addressing the investigation has required significant time and attention of the Company's senior management since it originated back in 2019, as well as significant Company resources, and we are grateful to put the matter behind us."

"Since the Company first learned of this investigation, we have taken this matter very seriously, including by taking proactive steps to address matters at issue," said William B. Horne, the Company's Chief Executive Officer. "We have reevaluated and strengthened our internal control over financial reporting, and we have improved our processes, procedures, and supporting documentation, including agreeing to hire an independent consultant to assist in improving our processes. We remain committed to doing the right thing on behalf of our employees and investors and are pleased to have reached a resolution to this matter."

#### About Ault Alliance, Inc.

Ault Alliance, Inc. is a diversified holding company pursuing growth by acquiring undervalued businesses and disruptive technologies with a global impact. Through its wholly and majority-owned subsidiaries and strategic investments, Ault Alliance owns and operates a data center at which it mines Bitcoin and colocation and offers hosting services for the emerging artificial intelligence ecosystems and other industries, and provides mission-critical products that support a diverse range of industries, including metaverse platform, oil exploration, crane services, defense/aerospace, industrial, automotive, medical/biopharma, consumer electronics, hotel operations and textiles. In addition, Ault Alliance extends credit to select entrepreneurial businesses through a licensed lending subsidiary. Ault Alliance's headquarters are located at 11411 Southern Highlands Parkway, Suite 240, Las Vegas, NV 89141; www.Ault.com.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements generally include statements that are predictive in nature and depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, and include words such as "believes," "plans," "anticipates," "projects," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "strategy," "future," "opportunity," "may," "will," "should," "could," "potential," or similar expressions. Statements that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on current beliefs and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any of them publicly in light of new information or future events. Actual results could differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement as a result of various factors. More information, including potential risk factors, that could affect the Company's business and financial results are included in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including, but not limited to, the Company's Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. All filings are available at www.sec.gov and on the Company's website at www.Ault.com.

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