

Response for Apollo-Shop offer / Vampire 1200 accelerators distribution

V2 1200	Proposal for Thinking :-)	TRING and Igor / card ?	Gunnar/ Miri per card	Apollo-Company
Sellsprice with CF und Adapter and ApolloOS	529,00 €			
Sellsprice without CF und Adapter	479,00 €			
netto	402,52 €			
Marge Gunnar (developing CPU)	- 50,00 €		- 50,00 €	
Continuierung Support (15h online per day)	- 30,00 €		- 30,00 €	
Teamleading/ Focus/ roadmap	- 10,00 €		- 10,00 €	
testing with ApolloOS	- 2,00 €		- 2,00 €	
Marge Reseller (email contact, store, shipping, support)	- 50,00 €		- 50,00 €	
Marge Igor (Developing PCB)	- 30,00 €	- 30,00 €		
Contact TRING Production orga	- 20,00 €	- 20,00 €		
Cardtest after Production	- 2,00 €	- 2,00 €		
Repair/ Returns to TRING (Warrenty)	- 10,00 €	- 10,00 €		
Chips and Parts	- 70,00 €	- 70,00 €		
PCB Company (soldering/ Production)	- 30,00 €	- 30,00 €		
Packaging	- 2,00 €	- 2,00 €		
Investments	- 10,00 €	- 10,00 €		
Team-Piggy-Bank (Pizza/Hotel/Gifts)	- 10,00 €			- 10,00 €
Team Bounties for Development	- 20,00 €			- 20,00 €
Accounting stuff	- 5,00 €			- 5,00 €
Trade Fair (Gamescom/ A34/OUF/ Alchemy/...)	- 20,00 €			- 20,00 €
Developer Boards	- 10,00 €			- 10,00 €
Advertisement (Homepage/ Goodies/ Bribing of Press)	- 10,00 €			- 10,00 €
Returns (postage/ new Packaging/ Customer presents)	- 10,00 €			- 10,00 €
TOTAL	1,52 €	- 174,00 €	- 142,00 €	- 85,00 €

Several things are unclear here with the offer and in this letter I will try to sum up.

- I agree that our system of work set and agreed needs to be reformed because potential increase of production for all accelerators and fair share that should be set for all team members
- In March of 2017, when we started with professional assembly of the cards price for core was set to 50EUR, taking 10EUR from that number for founded AROS fund
- In total there were 2014 cards made and send by me to end users, not including those who I send to our team members and supporters for free
- There were also cards send to shops, in total 385 but those are also excluded from paying core fee because complete payment went to you, 385 cards sold each for 265EUR, do the math
- My core fee duties including formed AROS fund were 100 700 EUR and in total I have send you 120 405 EUR so about 20 000 EUR more than I needed
- All the data mentioned here are transparent to all team members over google documents and send to you on several occasions in pdf or excel form

- From mentioned calculations cards sold in past month are excluded and will be included in next regular quarter report
- From selling accelerators cards AROS fund should have at least 23 720EUR by now which are in your possession. So my questions and reasonable doubts about forming new trust funds follows
 - a) Who exactly, from AROS developers who were participating in our team got paid in time period from 2017-2021 from that fund and how much?
 - b) Why I never received any records of such payments being done or even heard that something like that happening?
- What happened to collected core fee money? Did anyone got payment from it, anyone else who also worked on the core?

About recent events?



Miri 03/05/2021

Hi Igor, please get back to me. I saw that Amiga store have the V2 cards on stock since some days, customer ask me why they sell them and not me. Why I do not have the card on my page. That feels really like shit!!!

Please explain this behavior to me! I am pissed! (edited)

This is a slap in the face of gunnar and me...

gunnar sits here hours working that your shit is working...while you are not in the channel dooinig what ever. I pay for advertisemant for our team in magazines and so on. We make the both at the exhibition, talk to markus...all this. Not only for the V4! No it is always as a team and for your products aswell. You use the gunnars CPU, and good knows how many cards you already sold... (edited)

and than you give the cards at first to other shops? REALLY????? (edited)

I really not know what to say: this neither professional in the sense of apollo company nor teamship in the sense of working together for a comman goal

- I m glad that your girlfriend founded Amiga based shop but what happened here is classical example of trading in influence without any reaction from your side about hers behavior towards me, picture above is just one example
- Trying to understand how I got into position that your girlfriend decides about my life's work or even talking with me about project she knows nothing about, not respecting history or deals we made, me and you and rest of the team whatever left from it
- Suddenly shops who paid you over 93 000 EUR for selling accelerator cards are our enemies?
- In the sake of good relations and potential of this project, after all, respecting our community I tried to behave professionally and explain but clearly there is huge gap in communication between you two so I m asking logical questions and making assumptions you needed to share with her before she joined
 - a) Did you told her that Vampire accelerators cards are founded by me and me alone in 2011, two years before we joined forces?
 - b) Vampire name and hardware design, is something I bring to the project
 - c) Did you told her that initial core before we joined forces was made by me with using opensourced base found online?
 - d) I didn't join the team empty handed bringing with me several team members who did tremendous work on accelerators and later on on standalone version

- e) They did that for free, just because it was fun till they were banned by you for having their own opinions because your vision of democracy inside team or vision of leadership is much different than it should be
- f) Standalone version that she is selling would never see the day of light without work of me and several more people
- g) At the time when I had working hardware Apollo core didn't work, so we all together worked on it for several years but still I agreed to pay for core fee, to pay for something I helped debug and port to accelerators
- h) Did you told her that I was in hospital 3 times from poisoning from soldering flux trying to solder complex prototypes you rejected later?
- i) Did you told her that for 2 years you didn't touch part of the core related for Accelerators and that me, flype and ShK worked on it trying to do at least something for them keeping project alive
- j) Did you told her that you couldn't work on it because you gave your only V1200 card to Alexander E. on Amiga 34 event clearly showing with that move that you don't intent to do anything for it same time taking commission from it for past two years?
- k) Did you told her that it took me one year to make proper molds for Trapdoor connectors for A1200 with huge investment from my side, paying each connector at initial stage for 27EUR
- l) Did you told her how much times I traveled to Belgrade to the meetings with people who could build such connectors?
- m) Does she knows that I never asked for anything from anyone to be financed, for any of my actions or researches?
- n) Did you ever told her how much money I send you, how and to whom and for what reasons?
- o) Did you ever told her that we have two databases with all the serials for each card together with detail description for them including buyer details?
- p) Do you understand that deal for core fee was between me and you, not her?
- q) Why didn't you told her that there were no accelerators shown on display on last Amiga event we all attended, only standalone, that you didn't promote it or work on accelerators at all
- r) Why didn't you told her that I have paid from my pocket several meetings I have attended to to promote accelerators and standalone version, something that could be clearly seen in youtube videos saved on those events or in several tech magazines where I gave interviews or where our products are described
- s) After all, why didn't you told her that I have financed large portion of the project by Bitcoins and that complete production and research was done from my personal funds as described on several articles on my website
- t) Does she even knows about existence of my website? How much time she spend there to even try to understand project and background?
- u) Did you told her that I took on myself risk for selling cards who are not completely legit accepting potential consequences?
- v) Did you told her what are the parts of standalone version who could be problematic also in that matter?

- w) Did you told her that I covered several of your debts not even related to this project but for your personal life or that I covered core fees that others owned to you? Hm no ?
- x) Does she knows that I was the one who partially covered your debt to TuKo for Vampire standalone production, something he waited for 2 years?

About shop and Apollo company

- If we take into considerations offer I got from you then again there are several questions to be answered first
 - a) Who is owner of the Apollo shop?
 - b) What are the main products that shop is selling?
 - c) Why don't we have sales related data publicly shared between Apollo-team members like it was in the case of Vampire accelerators?
 - d) What is the income of the shop and how is distributed, in what order, eg. For using logo, Vampire name, various controllers, HDMI license, trademarks owned by 3rd parties or team members ?
 - e) Do we have trust fund there created for each sale for other products and how is distributed, or this is something that exist only for accelerators?
 - f) Under assumption that two team members right now are participating in shop and in the company same time I m under impression that such fund should be handled by 3rd parties over ESCROW service and maintained by team members who are part of the team but not part of the shop or the company, maybe TuKo? This way we would avoid insincerity that might happened with AROS fund and core fees.
 - g) Why shop sets prices and controls developers inside team when it should be different, developers are sending offer to shop, not shop to developers
 - h) What is the market share of the shop in Apollo company or other way around?
 - i) Who are the members of Apollo company and in what percentage? Why don't all team members become share holders inside Apollo company?

About proposed offer

- I m not happy with proposed price increase for Vampire 1200 card, we never talked about that except in the terms when additional components are added (CF adapter and CF card), it is not fair for the community because new price is NOT justified with current price of the components. Prices for all accelerators were set by you, not me. I was strongly against every price increase.
- **Core fee** should remain the same but this time I want to know exactly how much ceach got from it and few more because after all there are several parts of the core he did, some of them together with me. This is something I have been asking several times in past few years and never got an answer.
- **Support** was something I was doing for free, doing it now every day, it should be fair to the community that you do it too

- **TeamLeading** as a full member of Apollo-team and one of the founders in our joined projects I found that lately situation in the team is not good in the terms of selecting proper roadmap especially in the times where crucial team members are banned leaving rest of the team without specific technical knowledge or positive energy and motivation. This makes me question our leadership because on sever occasions I had to beg people to return to the team after you insulted them or pushed too hard on the various tasks. Things you did to me personally that I didn't like I won't even mention and I never did, again keeping my mouth shut because of project and community. Let's face it, you can't lead the team because for you every team member is expendable and after he did his fair share of work you move on without him never mentioning him anymore to me or to anyone else. By looking at all of that I was wondering when is my time 😊
- **Testing with ApolloOS** lately testings were made by me, didn't ask any money for those. This is something you should deliver if I m only hardware designer but main question is who get's those 2EUR, Cotter? With latest video call we had you said that working version we can expect for 6 month? What should I do by then with the cards sitting in my room when you don't have anything to send with them. You didn't even sold over Apollo shop V500 cards I send you two months ago because you don't have Cloanto stickers or working Apollo ROM.
- **Marge reseller** is something that is based on the final price developer or manufacturer offers not the other way around.
- About the columns and rows who are entitled for me.
 - a) Within our agreement was to order cheap parts from suppliers in China, contacts were made over Kipper2k
 - b) With following risks that parts will be damaged and/or weak I had to put all of my skills to the test to make accelerators work leaving always about 15% of non working cards from each batch and that is something I made public with pictures and following texts
 - c) My attempts to save one card sometimes were few days long without proper testing cores I was begging you to made for years
 - d) With limited diagnostics made entirely by me I was able to fix lot of them but still losing a lot on each card since sometimes I have wasted few FPGA or memory chips, again because not having proper cores to see what is wrong, I was working in the dark for most of the time till I made my own cores who helped me a lot
 - e) Still on each non working card I had to pay for assembly, for the parts I had to remove and send back to China to be replaced, right now I have 117 replacement SDRAM chips on the way
 - f) Slowly, last year we started to move away from China suppliers and everything looked good but...
 - g) Loses were accepted by me but core fee, no matter what happened, still went to you...
 - h) Repairs and returns are something I never ever charged to anyone, I did it for free even covering new package and shipping. In the time when I couldn't fix something I have always replaced the card with new one and something like that is always entered in our documentation. Few days ago you jumped on the claim from the user about damaged card he

apparently got from me with all the missing parts and when I proved by checking serial number to everyone that this is not my card but something Kipper made, you didn't say anything. Like you are searching for my mistake to prove some point?

- i) To stop commenting even more I will conclude. With payment timeframe of one month for the Vampire accelerators that Apollo shop offered I can't even think of healthy maintain of the production and with the proposed price I would need to return to the hand soldering, cleaning and testings. This is something I can't return to because it could seriously harm my health again because this project did it few times before. Same time with investments in parts I have right now valued at about 70 000 EUR I feel that you deliberately slowing me down with your proposals that was never on the table when we had agreement back in 2017.
- j) How about the fact that I accepted to pay German tax for each card sold over Apollo shop? Even that is something I accepted because I wanted to ensure long life of the project. Is it normal that 99EUR are taken from me for each card for paying taxes in the country I don't live in? Same time trying hard to explain that I don't have to pay that when I'm sending cards from my country because trading agreements we have here as a potential EU candidate. No one ever paid tax in their own country for receiving card from me because such agreements.

Final words and friendly reminders

I m the person who retired from work in 2017. because of income from my other projects explained on my website. Working inside our team was fun, talking about work, life, projects and our mutual goals. With huge censorship now going on the chat where nobody is allowed to say negative stuff about AROS, or question what you say, where you get banned for doing such stuff people are pressured to do more and more work. It is not nice to buy them with words "Good work" or such, saying to me that I need to do the same, because all of them will be expendable for you. With production of Vampire accelerators I wanted to make sustainable system of production where selling of one card will create 2 or even more cards who could end up with end users without any need for additional funds.

And no, your girlfriend can't sell my "shitty cards" like she said. Just because she is your girlfriend she can't have special rights, and no she can't earn profit from my work, again, just because she is your girlfriend. Remember, I don't work for her or ever will. I don't want to sell her blueprints for the accelerators, I'll rather opensource them because, again, I don't live from all of this. And no, I don't want to speak with her ever again and if she even say hello to me on the chat I will make this document public. I have sensed several times her words in yours and that is something to think about. Did you ever see my wife on the chat proposing something or asking for money for job she did going to the post office for past 4 years? Who did you ask in the team to bring your girlfriend in it to be active member taking over positions of people who are there for years?

I was the one who backed up all the time doing work behind the scene to keep team alive after your constant outbursts . Few days ago you told me that I did nothing new, not even respecting that I have alone made new Raptor card even port Apollo core for it. With desire to completely move away from the China regarding parts and to hand over to you entire designs so you can move on with all the

accelerators now based on Cyclone 10. How about 12 various prototypes I made that you rejected for no reason. How about work of Claude who you rejected forcing him to leave the team, then few days ago you told me that having RGB and HDMI separated is nonsense. How about Bax and his work who also got banned for mentioning that we should use onboard kickstart and hypocrisy now when you want to sell V1200 over Apollo shop with core who will use onboard kickstart. How about asking me first when to announce Raptor card when idea was to work behind scene leaving us without additional pressure from the community. Same thing you did with standalone version making the team work under huge pressure to deliver something. How about starting with nothing provoked fight with Cloanto in my name forgetting your behavior in front of Mike at Gamescom? How about banning my personal friends from chat who helped a lot. There is too much topics to cover here...

You don't have working Apollo ROM, not the OS, you are expecting me to help debug and/or test it on accelerators like I was doing constantly all of this years and pay you for that. You are not even in the position to start selling accelerators legally on your side and you told me that you could be ready within no more than 6 months. I'm asking what should I do with my investments in parts and finished cards or my collected debts for the assembly. With proposed price I can't even cover my debts and I will again need to step in and invest. There is no long term production with mentioned price with payout after one month after my delivery. With such price I can't play risky game and order 500 FPGA. Complete chart is set to end up forever accelerators production. Part of the chart with explanation for the trust fund where is explained that money in the fund is not actually yours but money from the company is a joke. I was the member of several huge projects and I know very well how this works and this is nothing but insult for me. The way how you handled core fee and AROS fund money says it all. As your girlfriend valued my work at 30 EUR I should do the same now for you offering you 30 EUR for the core in the future unless you actually start to work on it. This time under contract and on paper because let's face it you lived from my work and still do, I was never living from yours. You betrayed our friendship badly and buried all the things I did for you personally when times were bad for you. You are brilliant coder maybe one of the best in the world and I would never put your life's work in danger so I m asking myself why did you let that happen to me. I own you nothing, I overpaid you for everything we agreed on. From now on our relations should be only professional, again, for the benefit of this project and our community. I have asked you several times why don't you increase core fee but from time to time to work on it, just few hours per month, not more. I was nothing but support for you in our work or with personal things and I feel strange now knowing that behind all of your reactions was money, more and more of it. In past 2 years you received a lot money from me, same time you did nothing for the progress of accelerators, excluding me in every possible way from standalone version or other things you did. In the times where I am in the position to do big things in the production and development area you need to stop acting like I'm your enemy but instead long term solution for your problems.

Putting aside all said, in the benefit of our team and complete community I propose following:

- I will do my best to try to assemble proper team once more where we could actually progress, where you will respect them more and not exploit them
- I will continue to pay you core fee reminding you that there is lot of room for increasing core fee if you actually start working on it, remember I can sell cards now
- I will port all accelerators to Cyclone 10 so you can move on without me if I feel again that atmosphere in the team is poisoned
- I will make Raptor card and give up on any rights for it
- For any other plans who are subject of debate, including my work as hardware designer, but excluding my work as a manufacturer and/or seller we can talk

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