

GOLD RESERVE INC  
Form 6-K  
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## FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of May, 2009

Commission File Number: 001-31819

### Gold Reserve Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**926 W. Sprague Avenue, Suite 200  
Spokane, Washington 99201**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes  No

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Filed with this Form 6-K are the following, which are incorporated herein by reference:

- 99.1 March 31, 2009 Interim Consolidated Financial Statements**
- 99.2 March 31, 2009 Management's Discussion and Analysis**
- 99.3 Chief Executive Officer's Certification of Interim Filings**
- 99.4 Chief Financial Officer's Certification of Interim Filings**

### Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements included herein constitute forward-looking statements that may state Gold Reserve's or its management's intentions, hopes, beliefs, expectations or predictions for the future. In this report, forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by management at this time, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. We caution that such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other risks that may cause the actual financial results, performance, or achievements of Gold Reserve to be materially different from our estimated future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by those forward-looking statements.

Numerous factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, including without limitation; the outcome of any potential proceedings under the Venezuelan legal system or before arbitration tribunals as provided in investment treaties entered into between Venezuela, Canada and Barbados to determine the compensation due to Gold Reserve in the event that Gold Reserve and the Venezuelan government do not reach an agreement regarding construction and operation of the Brisas project, or the Brisas project is transferred to the Venezuelan government and the parties do not reach agreement on compensation; concentration of operations and assets in Venezuela; corruption and uncertain legal enforcement; requests for improper payments; competition with companies that are not subject to or do not follow Canadian and U.S. laws and regulations; regulatory, political and economic risks associated with Venezuelan operations (including changes in previously established laws, legal regimes, rules or processes); the ability to obtain, maintain or re-acquire the necessary permits or additional funding for the development of the Brisas project; the result or outcome of the trial regarding Rusoro Mining Ltd.'s enjoined hostile takeover bid; significant differences or changes in any key findings or assumptions previously determined by us or our experts in conjunction with our 2005 bankable feasibility study (as updated or modified from time to time) due to actual results in our expected construction and production at the Brisas Project (including capital and operating cost estimates); the method and manner of our determination of reserves, risk that actual mineral reserves may vary considerably from estimates presently made; impact of currency, metal prices and metal production volatility; fluctuations in energy prices; changes in proposed development plans (including technology used); our dependence upon the abilities and continued participation of certain key employees; the prices, production levels and supply of and demand for gold and copper produced or held by Gold Reserve; the potential volatility of Gold Reserve's Class A common shares; the price and value of Gold Reserve's notes, including any conversion of notes into Gold Reserve's Class A common shares; the prospects for exploration and development of projects by Gold Reserve; and risks normally incident to the operation and development of mining properties.

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This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of Gold Reserve's forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to Gold Reserve or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this notice. Gold Reserve disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements or the foregoing list of assumptions or factors, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, subject to its disclosure obligations under applicable rules promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

In addition to being subject to a number of assumptions, forward-looking statements contained herein involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results and developments to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including the risks identified under "Important Note for U.S. Investors Concerning Resource Calculations" as well as the risks identified in the filings by Gold Reserve with the SEC and Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities, including Gold Reserve's annual information form for the year ended December 31, 2008, dated March 31, 2009, and Gold Reserve's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the SEC on March 31, 2009.

(Signature page follows)

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### SIGNATURES

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 14, 2009

### GOLD RESERVE INC.

(Registrant)

By: s/Robert A. McGuinness  
Name: Robert A. McGuinness

EXHIBIT 99.1

March 31, 2009 Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

**GOLD RESERVE INC.**

March 31, 2009

Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

U.S. Dollars  
(unaudited)**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****March 31, 2009 (unaudited)**

U.S. Dollars	March 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$ 81,897,420	\$ 91,550,167
Marketable securities (Note 6)	1,547,040	1,342,760
Deposits, advances and other	1,735,825	1,123,002
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>85,180,285</b>	<b>94,015,929</b>
Property, plant and equipment, net (Note 7)	180,017,160	175,132,478
Restricted cash (Note 12)	17,509,672	17,509,672
Prepaid and other	909,152	956,435
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 283,616,269</b>	<b>\$ 287,614,514</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,142,181	\$ 8,134,708
Accrued interest	1,648,286	236,848
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>7,790,467</b>	<b>8,371,556</b>
Convertible notes (Note 10)	91,530,818	91,829,699
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	2,309,504	2,306,823

Total liabilities		101,630,789	102,508,078
Measurement uncertainty (Note 1)			
Commitments (Note 12)			
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>			
Serial preferred stock, without par value, none issued			
Common shares and equity units, without par value (Note 11)		247,893,297	247,501,272
Equity component of convertible notes (Note 10)		28,652,785	28,774,221
Less common shares held by affiliates		(636,267)	(636,267)
Stock options		9,613,638	9,428,802
Accumulated deficit		(103,891,747)	(100,180,541)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		464,465	329,640
KSOP debt		(110,691)	(110,691)
Total shareholders' equity		181,985,480	185,106,436
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		\$ 283,616,269	\$ 287,614,514

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors:

s/ Chris D. Mikkelsen

s/ Patrick D. McChesney

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (unaudited)

U.S. Dollars	2009	2008 (restated, Note 2)
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Interest	\$ 79,942	\$ 1,196,606
Foreign currency gain (loss)	(21,950)	297,583
Gain on extinguishment of debt	601,936	
Loss on sale of marketable securities		(243,053)
	659,928	1,251,136
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
General and administrative	1,136,304	2,149,422

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Technical services	892,890	1,229,815
Takeover defense and litigation (Note 13)	2,032,112	
Corporate communications	168,665	237,983
Legal and accounting	208,612	291,461
	<u>4,438,583</u>	<u>3,908,681</u>
Net loss before tax and minority interest	\$ (3,778,655)	\$ (2,657,545)
Minority interest	(2,681)	(10,071)
Net loss before tax	\$ (3,781,336)	\$ (2,667,616)
Income tax benefit (expense)	70,130	(191,161)
Net loss for the period	<u>\$ (3,711,206)</u>	<u>\$ (2,858,777)</u>
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	<u>\$ (0.07)</u>	<u>\$ (0.05)</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding	<u>56,959,277</u>	<u>55,483,506</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF DEFICIT**  
**For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (unaudited)**

**U.S. Dollars**

Deficit, December 31, 2008	\$ (100,180,541)
Net loss for the period	(3,711,206)
Deficit, March 31, 2009	<u>\$ (103,891,747)</u>
Deficit, December 31, 2007 (restated, Note 2)	\$ (80,454,420)
Net loss for the period (restated, Note 2)	(2,858,777)
Deficit, March 31, 2008 (restated, Note 2)	<u>\$ (83,313,197)</u>

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (unaudited)

U.S. Dollars	2009	2008 (restated, Note 2)
Net loss for the period	\$ (3,711,206)	\$ (2,858,777)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	134,825	(607,827)
Adjustment for realized losses included in net loss		243,053
Other comprehensive income (loss)	134,825	(364,774)
Comprehensive loss for the period	\$ (3,576,381)	\$ (3,223,551)

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (unaudited)

U.S. Dollars	2009	2008 (restated, Note 2)
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Net loss for the period	\$ (3,711,206)	\$ (2,858,777)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used by operating activities:		
Stock option compensation	184,836	630,855
Depreciation	54,093	58,307
Gain on extinguishment of debt	(601,936)	
Foreign currency (gain) loss	72,492	(396,272)
Minority interest in net income of consolidated subsidiaries	2,681	10,071

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Net loss (gain) on sale of marketable securities		243,053
Future income tax expense (benefit)	(69,455)	187,914
Shares issued for compensation	392,025	233,983
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Net increase in deposits and advances	(620,911)	(126,680)
Net decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(2,004,097)	(5,661,640)
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Net cash used in operating activities	(6,301,478)	(7,679,186)
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**Cash Flows from Investing Activities:**

Proceeds from the sale of marketable securities	500,000	1,716,821
Purchase of marketable securities	(500,000)	(512,239)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(2,904,650)	(5,998,197)
Decrease in restricted cash		1,167,318
Other	(31,365)	(19,244)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(2,936,015)	(3,645,541)
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**Cash Flows from Financing Activities:**

Net proceeds from the issuance of common shares		309,205
Extinguishment of convertible notes	(415,254)	
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Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(415,254)	309,205
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**Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents:**

Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(9,652,747)	(11,015,522)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period	91,550,167	94,680,576
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Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	\$ 81,897,420	\$ 83,665,054
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

## Selected Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (unaudited)

*Expressed in U.S. Dollars*

## **1. Basis of Presentation and Measurement Uncertainty**

The accompanying unaudited consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Canada for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in Canada for complete financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial position of Gold Reserve Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company, we, us, or our ) as of March 31, 2009, and the results of operations and the cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

Except as noted in Note 2 below, these financial statements follow the same accounting policies and methods of their application as the most recent consolidated annual audited financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, including notes thereto, included in the 2008 annual report.

At March 31, 2009, with the exception of cash and certain equipment in the manufacturing stage, nearly all of the Company's assets, including our primary mining asset, the Brisas Project, were located in Venezuela. Our operations in Venezuela are subject to the effects of changes in legal, tax and regulatory regimes, national and local political issues, labor and economic developments, unrest, currency and exchange controls, import/export restrictions, government bureaucracy, corruption and uncertain legal enforcement. In May 2008, the Company received notification from the Venezuelan Ministry of Environment of its decision to revoke the Authorization for the Affectation of Natural Resources for the Construction of Infrastructure and Services Phase of the Brisas Project (the Authorization to Affect ). As of the date of this report, the Company has not been able to confirm how the government wishes to proceed regarding the development of Brisas. Failure to obtain the Authorization to Affect or any future permit and/or authorization will result in the Company not being able to construct and operate Brisas. This issue or one or more of the other issues described herein or other factors beyond our control could adversely affect our operations and investment in Venezuela in the future.

Management's capitalization of exploration and development costs and assumptions regarding the future recoverability of such costs are based on, among other things, the Company's estimate of current mineral reserves and resources which are based on engineering and geological estimates, estimated gold and copper prices, estimated plant construction and operating costs and the procurement of all necessary regulatory permits and approvals. In addition, the Company records amounts paid for value-added tax as a non-current asset based on the assumption that these amounts will be recoverable when the Brisas Project begins production. These assumptions and estimates could change in the future and this could affect the carrying value and the ultimate recoverability of the amounts recorded as property and mineral rights, capitalized exploration and development costs and other assets. The Company operates and files tax returns in a number of jurisdictions. The preparation of such tax filings requires considerable judgment and the use of assumptions. Accordingly, the amounts reported could vary in the future.

## **2. Restatement and New Accounting Policies**

The Company restated its March 31, 2008 financial statements due to the adoption of EIC 172, Income Statement Presentation of a Tax Loss Carryforward Recognized Following an Unrealized Gain in Other Comprehensive Income. This abstract provides guidance on whether the tax benefit of tax loss carryforwards consequent to the recording of unrealized gains in other comprehensive income, such as unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities, should be recognized in net income or in other comprehensive income. Upon adoption effective September 30, 2008, EIC 172 was applied retrospectively with restatement of prior periods from January 1, 2007 resulting in a reclassification \$187,914 of income tax benefit from other comprehensive loss to net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2008.

Accounting Policies adopted effective January 1, 2009:

CICA Section 3064, Goodwill and Intangible Assets. This Section establishes standards for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of goodwill and intangible assets. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

Future Accounting Policies:

CICA Section 1582, Business Combinations. This Section replaces Section 1581 and applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this Section on its financial statements.



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CICA Section 1601, Consolidated Financial Statements. This section establishes standards for the preparation of consolidated financial statements and applies to financial reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this Section on its financial statements.

CICA Section 1602, Non-Controlling Interests. This section establishes standards for accounting for a non-controlling interest in a subsidiary in consolidated financial statements subsequent to a business combination and applies to financial reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this Section on its financial statements.

### 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	March 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Bank deposits	\$ 75,491,094	\$ 85,925,019
Money market funds	6,406,326	5,625,148
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,897,420</b>	<b>\$ 91,550,167</b>

The above amounts exclude restricted cash of approximately \$17.5 million as at March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008. See Note 12, Commitments. At March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company had approximately \$224,000 and \$205,000 respectively, in Venezuela and banks outside Canada and the U.S.

### 4. Financial Instruments

The fair values as at March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 along with the carrying amounts shown on the consolidated balance sheets for each classification of financial instrument are as follows:

Classification	<u>March 31, 2009</u>		<u>December 31, 2008</u>		
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	
Cash and cash equivalents	held for trading	\$ 81,897,420	\$ 81,897,420	\$ 91,550,167	\$ 91,550,167
Restricted cash	held for trading	17,509,672	17,509,672	17,509,672	17,509,672
Marketable securities	available for sale	1,547,040	1,547,040	1,342,760	1,342,760
Derivative liability	held for trading			1,442,635	1,442,635
A/P and accruals	other financial liabilities	6,142,181	6,142,181	6,692,073	6,692,073
Accrued interest	other financial liabilities	1,648,286	1,648,286	236,848	236,848
Convertible notes	other financial liabilities	91,530,818	40,427,855	91,829,699	37,723,480

Fair value estimates for marketable securities are made at the balance sheet date by reference to published price quotations in active markets. At March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the fair value of the convertible notes was estimated using an indicative valuation based on recent market information.

The Company is exposed to various risks including credit risk, liquidity risk, currency risk and interest rate risk as described below:

- a) Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will fail to meet its obligations to the Company. The Company's primary exposure to credit risk is through its cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash balances. The Company diversifies its cash holdings into major Canadian and U.S. financial institutions and corporations.
- b) Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with its financial liabilities. The Company manages this risk by maintaining adequate cash balances through equity and debt offerings to meet its current and foreseeable obligations. The following table presents the Company's payments due on accounts payable and accrued expenses and its undiscounted interest and principal payments due on its convertible notes, based on the estimate that the term of the notes will end on June 15, 2012. If the notes were to reach their contractual maturity date of June 15, 2022, additional interest payments would amount to \$56.3 million over the additional ten year term of the notes.

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	Total	Payments due by Period			More Than 5 Years
		Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	4-5 Years	
A/P and accruals	\$ 6,142,181	\$ 6,142,181			
Interest	19,702,183	5,629,195	\$ 11,258,390	\$ 2,814,598	
Principal	102,349,000			102,349,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 128,193,364</b>	<b>\$ 11,771,376</b>	<b>\$ 11,258,390</b>	<b>\$ 105,163,598</b>	

- c) The Company is subject to currency risk mainly due to its operations in Venezuela. Transactions denominated in foreign currency are exposed to exchange rate fluctuations which have an impact on the statement of operations. The Company's cash, value added tax and other monetary assets and liabilities that are held in Venezuelan and Canadian currency are subject to fluctuations against the US dollar. A 10% weakening of those currencies against the US dollar would have increased the Company's net loss from the translation of foreign currency denominated financial instruments, for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, by the amounts shown below.

	2009	2008
Venezuelan Bolívar	\$ 65,538	\$ 87,649
Canadian dollar	8,671	9,897
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$74,209</b>	<b>\$97,546</b>

The Company limits the amount of currency held in non-U.S dollar accounts, but does not actively use derivative instruments to limit its exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency rates.

- d) The Company is subject to the risk that changes in market interest rates will cause fluctuations in the fair values of its financial instruments. Cash and cash equivalents earn floating market rates of interest. Other current financial assets and liabilities are generally not exposed to this risk because of their immediate or short-term maturity. The interest rate on the Company's convertible notes is fixed and therefore the interest payments are not subject to changes in market rates of interest.

- e) The Company has certain contracts in which the amount payable is linked to the Company's share price. A 10% change in the Company's share price would result in an approximately \$89,000 change in the amount payable.

## 5. Capital Management

The capital structure of the Company consists of common shares and equity units, convertible notes, stock options, accumulated deficit, accumulated other comprehensive income and KSOP debt. The Company's objectives when managing its capital are to:

- a) maintain sufficient liquidity in order to meet financial obligations including the costs of developing mining projects and servicing debt;
- b) safeguard the Company's assets and its ability to continue as a going concern and
- c) maintain a capital structure that provides the flexibility to access additional sources of capital with minimal dilution to existing shareholders.

The Company manages its capital consistent with the objectives stated above and makes adjustments to its capital structure based on economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. The Company is in compliance with the covenants of its convertible notes. There were no changes to the Company's capital management during 2009.

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### 6. Marketable securities

	March 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Fair value at beginning of year	\$ 1,342,760	\$ 4,987,511
Acquisitions	500,000	3,262,239
Dispositions, at cost	(500,000)	(4,709,874)
Realized loss on sale		243,053
Unrealized gain (loss)	204,280	(2,440,169)
Fair value at balance sheet date	\$ 1,547,040	\$ 1,342,760

The Company's marketable securities are classified as available-for-sale and are recorded at quoted market value with gains and losses recorded within other comprehensive income until realized. As of March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 marketable securities had a cost basis of \$843,305.

### 7. Property, Plant and Equipment

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	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
<b>March 31, 2009</b>			
<b>United States</b>			
Furniture and office equipment	\$ 497,909	\$ (367,727)	\$ 130,182
Leasehold improvements	41,190	(35,633)	5,557
	<u>\$ 539,099</u>	<u>\$ (403,360)</u>	<u>\$ 135,739</u>
<b>Venezuela</b>			
Property and mineral rights	\$ 11,252,335		\$ 11,252,335
Capitalized exploration costs	117,885,720		117,885,720
Machinery and equipment deposits	49,879,918		49,879,918
Buildings	756,282	(380,056)	376,226
Furniture and office equipment	602,476	(528,765)	73,711
Transportation equipment	636,187	(446,338)	189,849
Machinery and equipment	548,963	(325,301)	223,662
	<u>181,561,881</u>	<u>(1,680,460)</u>	<u>179,881,421</u>
Total	<u>\$ 182,100,980</u>	<u>\$ (2,083,820)</u>	<u>\$ 180,017,160</u>

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## Selected Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (unaudited)

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	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
<b>December 31, 2008</b>			
<b>United States</b>			
Furniture and office equipment	\$ 485,036	\$ (355,924)	\$ 129,112
Leasehold improvements	35,633	(35,633)	
	<u>\$ 520,669</u>	<u>\$ (391,557)</u>	<u>\$ 129,112</u>

**Venezuela**

Property and mineral rights	\$ 11,252,335		\$ 11,252,335
Capitalized exploration costs	115,755,503		115,755,503
Machinery and equipment deposits	47,081,189		47,081,189
Buildings	756,282	(368,600)	387,682
Furniture and office equipment	602,476	(519,883)	82,593
Transportation equipment	636,187	(425,685)	210,502
Machinery and equipment	557,561	(323,999)	233,562
	176,641,533	(1,638,167)	175,003,366
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 177,162,202</b>	<b>\$ (2,029,724)</b>	<b>\$ 175,132,478</b>

Machinery and equipment deposits include amounts paid for infrastructure and milling equipment either in the manufacturing stage or being stored by the manufacturer pending delivery to the project site.

**8. Geographic Segments****Net Loss for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 and 2008**

	2009	2008 (restated, Note 2)
US/Canada	\$ 3,037,681	\$ 2,363,519
Venezuela	673,525	495,258
<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>\$ 3,711,206</b>	<b>\$ 2,858,777</b>

**Selected Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements****For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (unaudited)**

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**9. Stock Based Compensation**

The Company has two equity incentive plans; the 1997 Equity Incentive Plan (last amended in March 2006, the 1997 Plan ) and the 2008 Venezuelan Equity Incentive Plan (approved by the shareholders in June 2008, the Venezuelan Plan ). Both plans permit the grants of stock options, stock appreciation rights and restricted stock, or any combination thereof, and each shall be 10% of the Company's outstanding shares, from time to time. The grants will be for terms up to ten years with vesting periods ranging from immediate to up to 3 years. As of March 31, 2009, there were a total of 48 participants in the plans.

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Insiders (officers and directors) of the Company and its subsidiaries are not eligible to participate in the Venezuelan Plan. Subsequent to shareholder approval in June 2008, 1,056,947 options previously granted to Venezuelan employees and consultants under the 1997 Plan were transferred to the Venezuelan Plan. The 1997 Plan remains available for insiders, employees and consultants of the Company.

Combined share option transactions for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

		2009	2008	
	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Options outstanding at beginning of period	5,007,931	\$ 3.18	4,445,139	\$ 4.14
Options exercised			(162,133)	1.91
Options expired	(75,000)	4.00		
Options forfeited			(21,834)	4.50
Options granted	547,500	0.73		
Options outstanding at end of period	5,480,431	2.93	4,261,172	4.23
Options exercisable at end of period	3,717,324	\$ 3.69	3,039,059	\$ 4.05
Options available for grant at end of period under 1997 plan	1,376,400		1,222,536	
Options available for grant at end of period under Venezuelan plan	4,777,327			
		Price Range		Price Range
Exercise price at end of period		\$0.29 - \$ 5.36		\$ 0.72 - \$ 5.45
Exercise price for exercisable shares		\$0.29 - \$ 5.36		\$ 0.72 - \$ 5.45

The following table relates to stock options at March 31, 2009

Price Range	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Exercisable Options
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\$0.29 - \$0.29	1,303,352	4.68	\$0.29	434,442	\$0.29
\$0.73 - \$1.89	1,024,000	3.34	\$1.22	476,500	\$1.78
\$3.39 - \$4.19	881,000	2.06	\$3.97	881,000	\$3.97
\$4.22 - \$4.62	476,500	2.50	\$4.46	436,300	\$4.48
\$4.83 - \$4.83	1,516,579	1.16	\$4.83	1,210,082	\$4.83
\$5.07 - \$5.36	279,000	2.67	\$5.19	279,000	\$5.19
\$0.29 - \$5.36	5,480,431	2.74	\$2.93	3,717,324	\$3.69

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### For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 (unaudited)

*Expressed in U.S. Dollars*

The Company recorded compensation expense, during the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, of \$184,836 and \$630,855, respectively, for stock options granted. During the three months ended March 31, 2009, 547,500 new options were granted. The fair value of options granted was calculated using the Black-Scholes model based on the following assumptions:

Weighted average risk free interest rate	1.46%
Expected life	4.6 years
Expected volatility	120%
Dividend yield	nil

In addition to the equity incentive plans, the Company also maintains the Gold Reserve Director and Employee Retention Plan. Units granted under the plan become fully vested and payable upon achievement of certain milestones related to the Brisas project or in the event of a change of control. Each Unit granted to a participant entitles such person to receive a cash payment equal to the fair market value of one Gold Reserve Class A Common Share (1) on the date the Unit was granted or (2) on the date any such participant becomes entitled to payment, whichever is greater. As of March 31, 2009, an aggregate of 1,732,500 unvested Units have been granted to directors, executive officers and affiliates of the Company and 315,000 Units have been granted to other participants. The value of these units, based on the grant date value of the Class A shares, was approximately \$8.9 million.

#### 10. Convertible Notes

In May 2007, the Company issued \$103,500,000 aggregate principal amount of its 5.50% Senior subordinated convertible notes. The notes are unsecured, bear interest at a rate of 5.50% annually, pay interest semi-annually in arrears and are due on June 15, 2022. The notes are convertible into Class A common shares of the Company at the initial conversion rate, subject to adjustment, of 132.626 shares per \$1,000 principal amount (equivalent to a conversion price of \$7.54). Upon conversion, the Company will have the option, unless there has occurred and is then continuing an event of default under the Company's indenture, to deliver common shares, cash or a combination of common shares and cash for the notes surrendered. Canadian accounting standards require the Company to allocate the notes between their equity and debt component parts based on their respective fair values at the time of issuance. The liability component was computed by discounting the stream of future payments of interest and principal at the prevailing market rate for a similar liability that does not have an associated equity component. The equity portion of the notes was estimated using the residual value method at approximately \$29 million, net of issuance costs. The fair value of the debt component is accreted to the face value of the notes using the effective interest rate method over the expected life of the notes, with the resulting charge recorded as interest expense. The expected life of the notes is an estimate and is subject to change, if warranted by facts and circumstances related to the potential early redemption of the notes by either the Company or the holders. Interest and accretion expense

allocable to the qualifying cost of developing mining properties and to constructing new facilities is capitalized until assets are ready for their intended use. The Company capitalized interest and accretion expense totaling \$2.0 million and \$1.7 million, during the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

At any time on or after June 16, 2010, and until June 15, 2012, the Company may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, for cash at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest if the closing sale price of the Common Shares is equal to or greater than 150% of the conversion price then in effect and the closing price for the Company's Common Shares has remained above that price for at least twenty trading days in the period of thirty trading days preceding the Company's notice of redemption. Beginning on June 16, 2012, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or part of the notes for cash at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest.

The note holders have the option to require the Company to repurchase the notes on June 15, 2012, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes plus accrued but unpaid interest. The Company may elect to satisfy its obligation to pay the repurchase price, in whole or in part, by delivering Common Shares. In the event of a change of control of the Company, the Company will be required to offer to repurchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes plus accrued but unpaid interest unless there has occurred and is continuing certain events of default under the Company's indenture.

At December 31, 2008, the Company revised its estimate of the expected life of the notes to June 15, 2012 and adjusted the carrying value accordingly. The adjusted carrying value was calculated by computing the present value of the estimated future interest and principal payments at the original effective interest rate. As a result of this change, the carrying value of the notes increased by approximately \$20.5 million with a corresponding increase in capitalized interest and accretion.

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As of March 31, 2009, convertible notes with a face value of \$1,151,000 had been converted for cash or repurchased by the Company. At March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the fair value of the convertible notes was estimated to be \$40.4 million and \$37.7 million, respectively, based on recent market information

#### 11. Common Shares and Equity Units

During the three months ended March 31, 2009, the Company issued 551,500 shares at an average price of \$0.71 per share as compensation. As of March 31, 2009, there were a total of 57,670,555 Class A and 500,236 Class B shares issued.

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, the Company issued 162,133 shares at an average price of \$1.91 per share upon exercise of stock options, and 42,875 shares at an average price of \$5.46 per share were issued as compensation.

#### 12. Commitments

In mid 2007, we commenced procurement efforts with the assistance of SNC-Lavalin and placed orders for the gyratory crusher, pebble crushers, SAG and ball mills and related processing equipment, mill motors, and other equipment for the Brisas Project. In November 2008, we sold a portion of this equipment recovering \$19.2 million in deposits and reducing our future commitment by \$21.9 million while incurring a \$1.3 million loss as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. As of March 31, 2009, the Company has equipment commitments totaling \$73.8 million and has made payments on these orders of \$48.0 million. In connection with a portion of these commitments, the Company opened an irrevocable standby letter of credit with a Canadian chartered bank providing security on the performance of obligations. As of March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Company had restricted cash of \$17.5 million as required by this letter of credit.

#### 13. Takeover Defense and Litigation

On December 15, 2008, Rusoro Mining Ltd. (Rusoro) commenced an unsolicited offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares and equity units of the Company in consideration for three shares of Rusoro for each Company share or equity unit. On December 16, 2008, the Company filed an action in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against Rusoro and Endeavour Financial International Corporation ("Endeavour") seeking an injunction restraining Rusoro and Endeavour from proceeding with Rusoro's unsolicited offer, significant monetary damages, and various



other items.

On February 10, 2009, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice granted an interlocutory injunction restraining Rusoro from proceeding with any hostile takeover bid to acquire the shares of the Company until the conclusion and disposition at trial of the action commenced by the Company. The injunction was granted by the Court following a motion by the Company on the basis that Rusoro had access to or benefited from the use of the Company's confidential information as a result of Rusoro's relationship with Endeavour. The Court also issued an interlocutory injunction restraining Endeavour from having any involvement with a hostile takeover bid for the Company. The Court further required that Rusoro, Endeavour and their agents return to the Company both all the confidential information of the Company and also anything produced from that confidential information and pay the court costs. Following the issuance of the interlocutory injunctions, Rusoro withdrew its unsolicited offer to acquire the outstanding shares and equity units of the Company.

On February 15, 2009, Rusoro and Endeavour both served a motion with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice seeking permission to appeal to the Divisional Court the February 10, 2009 order that was granted against them. The Company opposed these motions which were heard in Toronto on April 2, 2009. On April 6, 2009 the permission to appeal was denied. The legal action commenced December 16, 2008 by the Company is ongoing. Rusoro has filed a counterclaim against the Company for, among other things, damages of Cdn \$102.5 million allegedly arising from the Company's successful motion for an interlocutory injunction.

Costs associated with the takeover defense and litigation amounted to \$2.0 million and \$5.4 million in 2009 and 2008, respectively. A portion of these costs relates to contracts which require payment based on the consideration paid to the Company in the event of a transaction or, in the event of a successful defense, the consideration that would have been paid had a transaction been completed. These contracts are considered to be derivative instruments or to contain embedded derivatives because the amounts payable are linked to the Company's share price and accordingly they are accounted for at fair value with unrealized gains and losses recorded in income until completion of the terms of the contracts.

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EXHIBIT 99.2

March 31, 2009 Management's Discussion and Analysis

## **GOLD RESERVE INC.**

March 31, 2009

Management's Discussion and Analysis

U.S. Dollars  
(unaudited)

*Unless stated otherwise all references to US\$ , \$ or dollars in this report are references to United States dollars and references to Cdn\$ are to Canadian dollars.*

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## **Operations Overview**

### **BRISAS PROJECT**

The Company is engaged in the business of exploration and development of mining projects and has focused the majority of its management and financial resources on its most significant asset, the Brisas gold and copper project ( Brisas Project , Brisas or the Brisas Property ), and to a lesser extent the exploration of its Choco 5 property, both located in Bolivar State of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela ("Venezuela"). Historically we have financed the Company's operations through the sale of common stock, other equity securities and convertible debt.

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Our Brisas gold and copper project ( Brisas ), is located in the Kilometre 88 mining district of the State of Bolivar in south-eastern Venezuela. Brisas is primarily comprised of a 500-hectare land parcel consisting of the Brisas alluvial concession and the Brisas hardrock concession beneath the alluvial concession. Together these concessions contain substantially all of the mineralization identified in the Brisas Report described below. Brisas also includes a number of other concessions, Corporacion Venezolana de Guayana ("CVG") work contracts, easements and pending applications for land use authorizations relating to as much as 11,000 hectares of land parcels adjacent to or near the existing alluvial and hardrock concessions.

We are dependent on Venezuelan regulatory authorities issuing to us various permits and authorizations relating to our operations in Venezuela and more specifically the development of Brisas. New mining regulations have been discussed by the current Venezuelan administration for a number of months and, as a result, the rules and regulations related to the Venezuelan mining sector are in transition. Various alternative changes have been addressed publicly in the past 18 months however, the specific provisions of any new law are still unclear and the government has not yet announced when a new mining law will be approved and enacted.

The Venezuelan Ministry of Environment ( MinAmb ) issued the Authorization for the Affectation of Natural Resources for the Construction of Infrastructure and Services Phase of the Brisas Project (the Authorization to Affect ) in March 2007. The Authorization to Affect was issued as a result of the 2003 approval of the Brisas Project operating plan by the Venezuelan Ministry of Mines ( MIBAM ) and the 2007 approval by MinAmb of the Brisas Environmental and Social Impact Study for the Exploitation and Processing of Gold and Copper Ore (Estudio de Impacto Ambiental y Sociocultural) ( ESIA ), in addition to other substantial work completed by the Company.

In May 2008, the Company received formal notification from the MinAmb of its decision to revoke the Authorization to Affect. MinAmb referenced in its formal notice the existence of environmental degradation and affectation on the Brisas property, the presence of a large number of miners on the property and the Imataca Forest Reserve as the basis for their decision. Venezuelan legal counsel advised management that the Authorization to Affect was granted to our Venezuelan subsidiary by MinAmb, a competent authority, following the corresponding legal procedure and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. At the time the Authorization to Affect was issued, there was no legal norm prohibiting MinAmb from authorizing performance of mining activities in the area of the Brisas Project. Further, in response to the various points contained within the revocation notice, Venezuelan legal counsel advised management that the revocation of the Authorization to Affect is groundless and legally unsupported.

Shortly after the revocation the Company filed an appeal with the Minister of MinAmb outlining the factual flaws referenced in the revocation and requested the Minister to reinstate the Company's Authorization to Affect. MinAmb has not yet issued an official decision regarding our appeal and on advice of counsel and in order to protect our rights under Venezuelan law, the Company filed an appeal with the Political Administrative Chamber of the Venezuelan Supreme Court on March 25, 2009. Although the filing in the Supreme Court is more formal than the appeal filed with MinAmb, the substance of our arguments and the merits of our position remain substantially the same.

From the time we received the revocation notice through the first quarter of 2009, management communicated with members of MinAmb, MIBAM and other government officials with the intention of obtaining a resolution to the impasse. A number of alternatives were discussed with government officials. Although these discussions appear to be consistent with the proposed changes to the mining law that have been addressed publically in the past months, the final provisions that might be enacted are still unclear and, as of the date of this report, the Company has not been able to confirm how the government wishes to proceed regarding the development of Brisas.

In April 2009, as a result of the Venezuelan Government's failure to reinstate the March 2007 permit and the lack of any meaningful dialog to resolve the prolonged obstruction of our rights to the Brisas Project, the Company notified the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela of the existence of a dispute between the Company and the Venezuelan Government under both: (1) the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela for the Promotion and Protection of Investments ( Canada-Venezuela Treaty ) and (2) the Agreement between the Government of Barbados and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela for the Promotion and Protection of Investments ( Barbados-Venezuela Treaty ).

We believe there are two courses of action available to us in Venezuela at this time. 1) seek a financial settlement with the Venezuelan government if development is not permitted to proceed on terms acceptable to us; or 2) seek remedies either under Venezuela's domestic legal system or via bilateral investment treaties that we believe protect investments such as ours in Venezuela.

Notwithstanding our April 2009 notification to the Venezuelan government, it remains our intent to settle the dispute amicably. However, if the dispute is not settled amicably, the Company may file for international arbitration at anytime under the Barbados-Venezuela Treaty or after six months from the date of notification under the Canada-Venezuela Treaty. In the event the Company is compelled to file for international arbitration, we would make a claim for the fair market value of our investment at the time of the revocation which we believe was in excess of

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US\$5 billion. In May 2008, the time of the permit revocation, the price of gold and copper was \$880 per ounce and \$3.75 per pound, respectively.

As a result of the delays in Venezuela, the uncertainty related to the future development of Brisas and the investment opportunities being created as a result of the world-wide financial crisis, management is actively evaluating opportunities available within the industry outside of Venezuela. We have an experienced senior management team with considerable operational, financial and administrative experience and we continue to evaluate from time to time other opportunities outside of Venezuela. The timing of any such investment or transaction, if any, and the amounts required cannot be determined at this time.

### **Project Work to Date**

Since acquiring Brisas in 1992, the Company has spent in excess of \$250 million on the project (including capitalized costs and equipment recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheet and operating costs in support of our Venezuelan operations recorded in the Consolidated Statement of Operations). In addition, approximately \$25.8 million remains contractually committed for equipment as of March 31, 2009.

The costs expended include property and mineral rights, easements, acquisition costs, equipment expenditures, litigation settlement costs, general and administrative costs, extensive exploration costs including geology, geophysics and geochemistry, over 200,000 meters of drilling, independent audits of drilling, sampling, assaying procedures and ore reserves methodology, environmental baseline work/socioeconomic studies, hydrology studies, geotechnical studies, mine planning, advanced stage grinding and metallurgical test work, tailings dam designs, milling process flow sheet designs, Environmental Impact Statement and Bankable Feasibility Study, including a number of subsequent updates, detailed engineering which is approximately 85% complete and an independent CSA National Instrument 43-101 report which was most recently updated in March 2008. With the issuance of the Authorization to Affect, we commenced significant pre-construction procurement efforts which included contracts for site prep and construction camp facilities, submitting orders for the gyratory crusher, pebble crushers, SAG and ball mills, mill motors and other related processing equipment, early-works construction equipment and various other site equipment totaling approximately \$125.3 million, accelerated detailed project engineering, hired a number of senior technical staff, completed the sale of approximately \$103.5 million of convertible notes and \$74 million in new equity, launched a number of environmental and social initiatives and commenced preparation of the Brisas site for construction activities.

We have enjoyed broad support from the local communities. As part of our on-going commitment to the local region, we completed the construction of a medical facility and a computer and internet center, refurbished and expanded a local school and a community liaison commission facility, constructed new recreational and sport facilities, supported a number of farming and community development programs and continue to maintain the ongoing expenditures associated with these programs and facilities, including the Brisas Community Sport Program whereby over 800 children actively participate in daily supervised activities. In addition, we continue to monitor environmental parameters related to Brisas including monthly air and water quality studies, climate and hydrological information and biodiversity assessments. Management is evaluating the Company's social programs currently in place and the related financial commitment to the local and regional area and may implement a cost reduction and containment program based on the ultimate resolution of the Venezuelan government's plan to proceed regarding the development of Brisas.

### **Brisas Report**

In March 2008, the Company updated and prepared a new Canadian Securities Act ("CSA") National Instrument 43-101 report for the Brisas Project, which is summarized below. The 2008 NI 43-101 report utilizes \$600 per ounce gold and \$2.25 per pound copper for the base-case economic model and at such prices, cash operating costs (net of copper byproduct credits) are estimated at \$120 per ounce of gold. Total costs including cash operating costs, exploitation taxes, initial capital costs (excluding sunk cost), and sustaining capital costs are estimated at \$268 per ounce of gold. The operating plan assumes a large open pit mine containing proven and probable reserves of approximately 10.2 million ounces of gold and 1.4 billion pounds of copper in 483 million tonnes of ore grading 0.66 grams of gold per tonne and 0.13% copper, at a revenue cutoff grade of \$3.54 per tonne using a gold price of \$470 per ounce and a copper price of \$1.35 per pound. The operating plan anticipates utilizing conventional truck and shovel mining methods with the processing of ore at maximum production of 75,000 tonnes per day, yielding an average annual production of 457,000 ounces of gold and 63 million pounds of copper over an estimated mine life of approximately 18.25 years. The strip ratio (waste to ore) is estimated at 2.24:1. The estimated initial capital cost to construct and place Brisas into production totals \$731 million excluding working capital, critical spares and initial fills of approximately \$53 million and ongoing life-of-mine requirements estimated at \$269 million. Initial capital cost estimates exclude value added taxes of approximately \$54 million for which future exonerations may be available.

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### **MINERAL RESOURCE AND RESERVE ESTIMATE**

**Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors.** We advise U.S. investors that definitions contained in CSA National Instrument 43-101 differ in certain respects from those set forth in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Industry Guide 7. This quarterly report uses the terms measured,

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indicated and inferred resource. We advise U.S. investors that while these terms are recognized and required by Canadian Securities Regulators, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission does not recognize them. U.S. investors are cautioned not to assume that the mineralization not already categorized as mineral reserves, will ever be converted into reserves. Further, an "inferred resource" has a great amount of uncertainty as to its existence and its economic and legal feasibility. Under Canadian disclosure rules, estimates of inferred mineral resources may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies, except in rare cases. U.S. investors are cautioned not to assume that part or all of an inferred resource exists, is economically or legally mineable or that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Also, while disclosure of contained ounces is permitted under Canadian regulations, the SEC generally requires mineral resource information to be reported as in-place tonnage and grade.

In March 2008 Pincock, Allen & Holt assisted the Company in the calculation of an updated mineral resource and reserve estimate in accordance with CSA National Instrument 43-101 which is summarized in the tables below. The qualified persons involved in the property evaluation and resource and reserve estimate were Susan Poos, P.E. of Marston & Marston Inc. and Richard Lambert, P.E., Richard Addison, P.E. and Bart Stone, C.P.G. of Pincock, Allen & Holt. NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators that establishes standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects. Unless otherwise indicated, all reserve and resource estimates contained in this report have been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101 and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum Classification System and not the SEC's Industry Guide 7. These standards differ significantly from the requirements of the SEC (including under its Industry Guide 7), and reserve and resource information contained in this report may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by U.S. companies.

### MINERAL RESOURCE ESTIMATE

The estimated measured and indicated mineral resource utilizing an off-site smelter process is summarized in the following table and includes the mineral reserve estimate shown in the following section:

<u>(kt=1,000 tonnes)</u>		Measured		Indicated		Measured and Indicated			
Au Eq Cut-off Grade	kt	Au (gpt)	Cu (%)	kt	Au (gpt)	Cu (%)	kt	Au (gpt)	Cu (%)
0.40 gpt	256,483	0.71	0.12	300,367	0.62	0.13	556,850	0.66	0.13

<u>(In Millions)</u>		Measured		Indicated		Measured and Indicated		
Au Eq Cut-off Grade		Au oz.	Cu lb.		Au oz.	Cu lb.	Au oz.	Cu lb.
0.40 gpt		5,853	674		5,986	888	11,839	1,562

The inferred mineral resource, based on an off-site smelter process (0.4 grams per tonne gold equivalent cut-off), is estimated at 121.0 million tonnes containing 0.590 grams gold per tonne and 0.12% copper, or 2.28 million ounces of gold and 316 million pounds of copper. The mineral resource and gold equivalent (AuEq) cut-off is based on \$400 per ounce gold and \$1.15 per pound copper.

### MINERAL RESERVE ESTIMATE

The estimated proven and probable mineral reserve utilizing traditional flotation and off-site smelter processes is summarized in the following table:

Class	Reserve tonnes (millions)	Au Grade (gpt)	Cu Grade (%)	Au ounces (millions)	Cu pounds (millions)	Waste tonnes (millions)	Total tonnes (millions)	Strip Ratio
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Proven	237.7	0.71	0.12	5.429	643			
Probable	245.1	0.61	0.14	4.800	746			
<b>Total</b>	<b>482.8</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>10.229</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>1,080.3</b>	<b>1,563.1</b>	<b>2.24</b>

Note that the mineral resource estimate does not represent material that exists in addition to the mineral reserve. The mineral reserve estimates disclosed above which are designated as commercially viable are included in and a part of the mineral resource estimates shown in the previous section.

The mineral reserve (within a pit design) has been estimated using average recovery rates for gold and copper of approximately 83% and 87% respectively, metal prices of \$470 per ounce gold and \$1.35 per pound copper and an internal revenue cut-off of \$3.54 per tonne for hard rock and \$3.74 per tonne for saprolite material.

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### CHOCO 5 PROPERTY

Since acquiring the property, the Company has invested approximately \$1.5 million on the exploration of the Choco 5 property, which has included acquisition costs, geological mapping, airborne geophysics, stream sediment and soil geochemistry, mapping, geomorphological study, drilling and assaying. The Company has significantly reduced its exploration activities on Choco 5 until it receives clarification regarding new mining rules and regulations and the resolution of the Brisas delays. Choco 5 exploration activities planned for 2009 are expected to be limited to baseline geological activities such as geochemical analysis and line cutting. The company manages its exploration effort out of its office in the community of El Callao.

## Financial Overview

### Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements included herein constitute forward-looking statements that may state Gold Reserve's or its management's intentions, hopes, beliefs, expectations or predictions for the future. In this report, forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by management at this time, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. We caution that such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other risks that may cause the actual financial results, performance, or achievements of Gold Reserve to be materially different from our estimated future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by those forward-looking statements.

Numerous factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements, including without limitation; the outcome of any potential proceedings under the Venezuelan legal system or before arbitration tribunals as provided in investment treaties entered into between Venezuela, Canada and Barbados to determine the compensation due to Gold Reserve in the event that Gold Reserve and the Venezuelan government do not reach an agreement regarding construction and operation of the Brisas project, or the Brisas project is transferred to the Venezuelan government and the parties do not reach agreement on compensation; concentration of operations and assets in Venezuela; corruption and uncertain legal enforcement; requests for improper payments; competition with companies that are not subject to or do not follow Canadian and U.S. laws and regulations; regulatory, political and economic risks associated with Venezuelan operations (including changes in previously established laws, legal regimes, rules or processes); the ability to obtain, maintain or re-acquire the necessary permits or additional funding for the development of the Brisas project; the result or outcome of the trial regarding Rusoro Mining Ltd.'s enjoined hostile takeover bid; significant differences or changes in any key findings or assumptions previously determined by us or our experts in conjunction with our 2005 bankable feasibility study (as updated or modified from time to time) due to actual results in our expected construction and production at the Brisas Project (including capital and operating cost estimates); the method and manner of our determination of reserves, risk that actual mineral reserves may vary considerably from estimates presently made; impact of currency, metal prices and metal production volatility; fluctuations in energy prices; changes in proposed development plans (including technology used); our dependence upon the abilities and continued participation of certain key employees; the prices, production levels and supply of and demand for gold and copper produced or held by Gold Reserve; the potential volatility of Gold Reserve's Class A common shares; the price and value of Gold Reserve's notes, including any conversion of notes into Gold Reserve's Class A common shares; the prospects for exploration and development of projects by Gold Reserve; and risks normally incident to the operation and development of mining properties.

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This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect any of Gold Reserve's forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to Gold Reserve or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this notice. Gold Reserve disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements or the foregoing list of assumptions or factors, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, subject to its disclosure obligations under applicable rules promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

In addition to being subject to a number of assumptions, forward-looking statements contained herein involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results and developments to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including the risks identified under "Important Note for U.S. Investors Concerning Resource Calculations" as well as the risks identified in the filings by Gold Reserve with the SEC and Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities, including Gold Reserve's annual information form for the year ended December 31, 2008, dated March 31, 2009, and Gold Reserve's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the SEC on March 31, 2009.

### Overview

The following discussion of our financial position as of March 31, 2009 and results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 should be read in conjunction with our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and related notes, included therein.

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in U.S. dollars in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in Canada. Those financial statements together with the management's discussion and analysis, dated May 14, 2009, are intended to provide investors with a reasonable basis for assessing our financial performance as well as certain forward-looking

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statements relating to our potential future performance. Additional information can be found at [www.goldreserveinc.com](http://www.goldreserveinc.com), [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

The Company is engaged in the business of exploration and development of mining projects. We are presently focusing our management and financial resources on the Brisas gold and copper project ("Brisas"), located in Bolivar State, Venezuela. We have no commercial production at this time. As a result, we have not recorded revenue or cash flows from our mining operations and have experienced losses from operations for each of the last five years, a trend we expect to continue until Brisas is fully constructed and put into commercial production. We have historically financed our operations through the sale of common stock, convertible notes and other equity securities.

As noted above, in May 2008 the Company received notification from MinAmb of its decision to revoke the Authorization to Affect. Venezuelan legal counsel has advised management that the Authorization to Affect was granted to our Venezuelan subsidiary by MinAmb, a competent authority, following the corresponding legal procedure and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. At the time the Authorization to Affect was issued, there was no legal norm prohibiting MinAmb from authorizing performance of mining activities in the area of the Brisas Project. Further, in response to the various points contained within the revocation notice, Venezuelan legal counsel has advised management that the revocation of the Authorization to Affect is groundless and legally unsupported.

Subsequent to the revocation, the Company filed an appeal with the Minister of MinAmb however MinAmb has not yet issued an official decision regarding our appeal. On advice of counsel, the Company filed an appeal with the Political Administrative Chamber of the Venezuelan Supreme Court on March 25, 2009. Although the filing in the Supreme Court is more formal than the appeal filed with MinAmb, the substance of our arguments and the merits of our position remain substantially the same.

Since we received the revocation notice, management has communicated with members of MinAmb, MIBAM and other government officials with the intention of obtaining a resolution to the impasse. A number of alternatives have been discussed with government officials however, as of the date of this report we have not been able to confirm how the government wishes to proceed regarding the development of Brisas.

In April 2009, as a result of the Venezuelan Government's failure to reinstate the March 2007 authorization and the lack of any meaningful dialog to resolve the prolonged obstruction of our rights to the Brisas Project, the Company notified the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela of the existence of a dispute between the Company and the Venezuelan Government under both: (1) the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela for the Promotion and Protection of Investments ("Canada-Venezuela Treaty") and (2) the Agreement between the Government of Barbados and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela for the Promotion and Protection of Investments ("Barbados-Venezuela Treaty").

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Notwithstanding our April 2009 notification to the Republic of Venezuela, it remains our intent to settle the dispute amicably. However, if the dispute is not settled amicably, the Company may file for international arbitration at anytime under the Barbados-Venezuela Treaty or after six months from the date of notification under the Canada-Venezuela Treaty. In the event the Company is compelled to file for international arbitration, we would make a claim for the fair market value of our investment at the time of the revocation which we believe was in excess of US\$5 billion. In May 2008, the time of the permit revocation, the price of gold and copper was \$880 per ounce and \$3.75 per pound, respectively.

As of May 14, 2009, we had the following shares, equity units, share purchase options and senior subordinated convertible notes issued:

Class A common shares	57,670,555
Equity units <sup>1</sup>	500,236
Class A common share purchase options <sup>2</sup>	5,475,431
5.50% Senior Subordinated Convertible Notes <sup>3</sup>	-

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- 1) An equity unit consists of one class B common share of Gold Reserve Inc. and one class B common share of Gold Reserve Corporation. Equity units are convertible into Class A common shares of Gold Reserve Inc. on a one-to-one basis.
- 2) Exercisable for Class A common shares on a one-to-one basis at between \$0.29 and \$5.36 per share.
- 3) \$102,349,000 aggregate principal amount is outstanding as at May 14, 2009. The Senior Subordinated Convertible Notes are convertible at the option of the holder at any time prior to maturity at an initial conversion rate of 132.626 Class A common shares per \$1,000 principal amount of the notes, subject to adjustment. See Note 10 to our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2009.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our financial resources, which include cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, decreased approximately \$9.7 million from December 31, 2008 to approximately \$99.4 million as of March 31, 2009.

Net cash used in operating activities	(6,301,478)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,936,015)
Net cash used in financing activities	(415,254)

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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(9,652,747)
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We have suspended detailed engineering by SNC Lavalin and terminated further capital expenditures commitments with respect to Brisas. Management continues to identify opportunities to reduce the Company's financial risk going forward including the implementation of a cost reduction and containment program to slow down and reduce operational expenditures, including the sale of certain equipment as discussed herein. Any implementation of these initiatives will be influenced by the Company's intent to maintain a strong financial position while maintaining maximum flexibility. These efforts have been hindered by the December 2008 unsolicited takeover bid by Rusoro Mining Ltd which resulted in substantial unplanned professional fees and related expenses.

The current operating plan, which was approved by MIBAM in 2003, assumes a large open pit mine containing proven and probable reserves of approximately 10.2 million ounces of gold and 1.4 billion pounds of copper in 483 million tonnes of ore grading 0.66 grams of gold per tonne and 0.13% copper, at a revenue cutoff grade of \$3.54 per tonne using a gold price of \$470 per ounce and a copper price of \$1.35 per pound. The qualified persons involved in the property evaluation and resource and reserve estimate were Susan Poos, P.E. of Marston & Marston Inc. and Richard Lambert, P.E., Richard Addison, P.E. and Bart Stone, C.P.G. of Pincock, Allen & Holt. The operating plan anticipates utilizing conventional truck and shovel mining methods with the processing of ore at full production of 75,000 tonnes per day, yielding an average annual production of 457,000 ounces of gold and 63 million pounds of copper over an estimated mine life of approximately 18.25 years. The strip ratio (waste to ore) is estimated at 2.24:1. The estimated initial capital cost to construct and place Brisas into production totals \$731 million excluding working capital, critical spares and initial fills of approximately \$53 million and ongoing life-of-mine requirements estimated

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at \$269 million. Initial capital cost estimates exclude value added taxes of approximately \$54 million for which future exonerations may be available.

### Investing Activities

As a result of the May 2008 notification from MinAmb revoking the Authorization to Affect, we have suspended the detailed engineering by SNC Lavalin and terminated further capital expenditures commitments with respect to Brisas. We previously placed orders related to initial capital costs totaling approximately \$125.3 million, of which we have paid for or disposed of approximately \$99.5 million. See Contractual Obligations below.

The Board of Directors authorized management to evaluate the sale or redeployment of all or a portion of the equipment that is being manufactured for Brisas. In late 2008 the Company sold one SAG mill, two ball mills (35,000 tonne per day through-put) and related motors being manufactured for the Company's Brisas Project. The Company recovered approximately \$19.2 million of progress payments and the purchaser assumed the Company's remaining payment obligations related to the equipment of approximately \$21.9 million.

The Company retains its concession rights, holds an operating plan approved by the Ministry of Energy and Mines in 2003, the predecessor to the current MIBAM, holds an Environmental and Social Impact Study for the Construction of Infrastructure and for the Exploitation and Processing of Gold and Copper Ore (the ESIA ) approved by MinAmb in early 2007, and is in receipt of accreditation letters of technical compliance for all of the properties that comprise Brisas from MIBAM in the third quarter of 2008. As a result the Company has no current plans to adjust the future carrying value of capitalized costs associated with the development of Brisas. It is unclear how future actions by the government will effect operations or impair the carrying value of the capitalized costs associated with Brisas. The Company is working with various government officials to resolve this matter and the ultimate resolution, if unfavorable, could result in a material impairment in the carrying value of the amounts recorded as property, plant and equipment, which totaled \$180.0 million at March 31, 2009. The net cash used in investing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 is as follows:

	2009	2008	Change
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,936,015)	(3,645,541)	709,526

Net Cash flow used in investing activities decreased as a result of a reduction in expenditures for property, plant and equipment totaling approximately \$3 million offset by a reduction in net proceeds from the sale of marketable securities and changes in restricted cash.

### Financing Activities

In May 2007 we completed the sale of \$103.5 million aggregate principal amount of 5.50% Senior Subordinated Convertible Notes due June 15, 2022 and 13,762,300 Class A common shares at \$5.80 per share (Cdn\$6.42 per share) for net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$173 million after deducting underwriting fees and offering expenses. Canadian accounting standards require the Company to allocate the notes between their equity and debt component parts based on their respective fair values at the time of issuance. The equity portion of the notes was estimated using the residual value method at approximately \$29 million net of issuance costs. The fair value of the debt component is accreted to the face value of the notes using the effective interest method over the term of the notes, with the resulting charge recorded as interest expense which has been capitalized. (See Note 10 to the Consolidate Financial Statements.)

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As of May 14, 2009 we held approximately \$98 million in cash, restricted cash and investments. Of this amount, approximately \$17.5 million is restricted cash as required by a letter of credit providing security on the company's commitment to purchase certain equipment. In the near-term, we believe that cash and investment balances are sufficient to enable us to fund our activities through 2010 (excluding substantial Brisas construction activities). The timing and extent of additional funding or project financing, if any, depends on a number of important factors, including, but not limited to, the actual timetable of our future work plans, our assessment of the financial markets, the outcome of our investment dispute with the Venezuelan government, our share price and the price of gold, copper and other metals prices. The net cash used in or provided by financing activities during the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 is as follows:

	2009	2008	Change
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Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(415,254)	309,205	(724,459)
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The change in net cash flow used in or provided by financing activities was the result of a reduction in cash from the issuance of common stock and an increase in the use of cash for the extinguishment of debt from 2008 to 2009.

### Legal Proceedings

On December 15, 2008, Rusoro Mining Ltd. ( Rusoro ) commenced an unsolicited offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares and equity units of the Company in consideration for three shares of Rusoro for each Company share or equity unit. On December 16, 2008, the Company filed an action in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against Rusoro and Endeavour Financial International Corporation ("Endeavour") seeking an injunction restraining Rusoro and Endeavour from proceeding with Rusoro's unsolicited offer, significant monetary damages, and various other items.

On February 10, 2009, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice granted an interlocutory injunction restraining Rusoro from proceeding with any hostile takeover bid to acquire the shares of the Company until the conclusion and disposition at trial of the action commenced by the Company. The injunction was granted by the Court following a motion by the Company on the basis that Rusoro had access to or benefited from the use of the Company's confidential information as a result of Rusoro's relationship with Endeavour. The Court also issued an interlocutory injunction restraining Endeavour from having any involvement with a hostile takeover bid for the Company. The Court further required that Rusoro, Endeavour and their agents return to the Company both all the confidential information of the Company and also anything produced from that confidential information and pay minor legal fees to the Company and court costs. Following the issuance of the interlocutory injunctions, Rusoro withdrew its unsolicited offer to acquire the outstanding shares and equity units of the Company.

On February 15, 2009, Rusoro and Endeavour both served a motion with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice seeking permission to appeal to the Divisional Court the February 10, 2009 order that was granted against them. The Company opposed these motions which were heard in Toronto on April 2, 2009. On April 6, 2009 the permission to appeal was denied. The legal action commenced December 16, 2008 by the Company is ongoing. Rusoro has filed a counterclaim against the Company for, among other things, damages of Cdn \$102.5 million allegedly arising from the Company's successful motion for an interlocutory injunction.

### Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth information on the Company's material contractual obligation payments for the periods indicated as of March 31, 2009:

Contractual Obligations	Total	Payments due by Period			
		Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	4-5 Years	More Than 5 Years
Convertible Notes <sup>1</sup>	\$ 122,051,183	\$ 5,629,195	\$ 11,258,390	\$ 105,163,598	
Equipment Contracts <sup>2</sup>	25,793,312	25,793,312			
Total	\$ 147,844,495	\$ 31,422,507	\$ 11,258,390	\$ 105,163,598	

<sup>1</sup> In May 2007, the Company issued \$103,500,000 aggregate principal amount of its 5.50% convertible notes. The notes pay interest semi-annually and are due on June 15, 2022. Subject to certain conditions, the notes may be converted into Class A common shares of the Company, redeemed or repurchased. As of March 31, 2009, \$1,151,000 face value of convertible notes have been converted for cash or repurchased by the Company. The amounts shown above include the interest and principal payments due based on the estimate that the term of the notes will end on June 15, 2012. If the notes were to reach their contractual maturity date of June 15, 2022, additional interest payments would amount to \$56.3 million over the additional ten year term of the notes.

<sup>2</sup> The Company originally placed orders totaling \$125.3 million for the fabrication of processing equipment, mobile equipment and other mining equipment and related engineering. In November 2008, the Company sold a portion of this equipment recovering \$19.2 million in deposits and reducing our future commitment by \$21.9 million. As of March 31, 2009, the Company has equipment orders totaling \$73.8 million and has made payments on these orders of \$48.0 million.

**Results of Operations**

The Company's results of operation for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 are a product of operating expenses, primarily related to the management and development of Brisas, net of interest income and gains or losses on the sale of marketable securities, extinguishment of debt and foreign currency. Consolidated net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2009 amounted to \$3.7 million or \$0.07 per share compared to consolidated net loss of \$2.9 million or \$0.05 per share, respectively, for the same period in 2008. Other income for the comparable periods is comprised of the following:

<b>Other Income</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b> (Restated, Note 2)	<b>Change</b>
Interest	\$ 79,942	\$ 1,196,606	\$ (1,116,664)
Foreign currency gain (loss)	(21,950)	297,583	(319,533)
Gain on extinguishment of debt	601,936		601,936
Loss on sale of marketable securities		(243,053)	243,053
	<b>\$ 659,928</b>	<b>\$ 1,251,136</b>	<b>\$ (591,208)</b>

Interest income for the three month period ended March 31, 2009 decreased by \$1.1 million over the comparable period in 2008 primarily as a result of substantially reduced rates of return on invested cash and to a lesser extent, lower levels of invested cash. The reduction in foreign currency gain is a result of changes in the Canadian and Venezuelan currency in relation to the US dollar. The gain on the extinguishment of debt was a result of the re-purchase of approximately \$1 million (face value) of the Company's convertible notes at a substantial discount. There were no marketable securities sales during the period.

Expenses for the comparable periods are comprised of the following:

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b> (Restated, Note 2)	<b>Change</b>
General and administrative	\$ 1,136,304	\$ 2,149,422	\$ (1,013,118)
Technical services	892,890	1,229,815	(336,925)
Corporate communications	168,665	237,983	(69,318)
Legal and accounting	208,612	291,461	(82,849)
Total expense before takeover defense and litigation costs	2,406,471	3,908,681	(1,502,210)
Takeover defense and litigation costs	2,032,112		2,032,112
Total Expense	<b>\$ 4,438,583</b>	<b>\$ 3,908,681</b>	<b>\$ 529,902</b>

In 2009, the Company continued its cost reduction program which was implemented in 2008 in response to the delays being experienced in Venezuela. As a result, 2009 expenses before costs related to takeover defense and litigation declined by \$1.5 million from 2008. The majority of this decrease was due to a \$1.0 million decrease in general and administrative expense which included reductions of \$0.7 million in compensation expense and \$0.2 million in consultant expense.

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### Selected Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

In general the varied quarterly results shown below reflect the change in rates of returns on invested cash, fluctuation of cash balances available for investment and infrequent investment gains or losses and variations in quarter to quarter costs associated with the development and financing of Brisas including personnel costs, investor relations and consultant fees.

Quarter ended	3/31/2009	12/31/2008	9/30/2008	6/30/2008	RESTATED			
					3/31/2008	12/31/2007	9/30/2007	6/30/2007
Other Income	\$659,928	\$136,549	\$288,673	\$768,414	\$1,251,136	\$ (217,816)	\$4,149,659	\$1,894,117
Net income (loss)								
before tax	(3,781,336)	(8,869,436)	(3,481,153)	(3,970,866)	(2,667,616)	(8,596,566)	767,375	(1,252,054)
Per share	(0.07)	(0.16)	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.05)	(0.16)	0.01	(0.03)
Diluted	(0.07)	(0.16)	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.05)	(0.16)	0.01	(0.03)
Net income (loss)	(3,711,206)	(8,905,698)	(3,788,711)	(4,172,935)	(2,858,777)	(8,735,162)	815,930	(1,112,571)
Per share	(0.07)	(0.16)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.05)	(0.16)	0.01	(0.02)
Diluted	(0.07)	(0.16)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.05)	(0.16)	0.01	(0.02)

The increase in Other Income in the quarters ended 9/30/2007 and 6/30/2007 was generally due to income on higher levels of invested cash. The recent decline in other income during the last three quarters is primarily due to the decrease in rates of returns on invested cash and, to a lesser extent, lower levels of invested cash. In the quarter ended 09/30/2007 other income increased as a result of

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non-recurring sales of investments. The increase in net loss for the quarters ended March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 is primarily attributable to unplanned expenses associated with the defense of the unsolicited offer by Rusoro Mining Ltd.

The increase in net loss for the quarter ended 12/31/2007 is a result of a change in the exchange rate the Company used to remeasure its Bolivar denominated transactions. Through the third quarter of 2007, the Company used the official exchange rate of Bs. 2,150/\$. In the fourth quarter of 2007, based on new guidance from the AICPA's International Practices Task Force, the Company concluded that the parallel market rate was the most appropriate rate to use to re-measure Bolivar transactions. Accordingly, the Company used the average rate in the parallel market to re-measure all 2007 Bolivar transactions and at December 31, 2007 used the parallel rate to translate Bolivar denominated monetary items which had the effect in the fourth quarter 2007 of reducing the gain previously reported as Other Income on the conversion of dollars to Bolivars. The net loss in the fourth quarter 2007 is primarily a product of the currency translation noted above as well as a non-cash charge related to stock option compensation and salary adjustments. Historically, losses are a result of the Company's efforts to complete the development of Brisas.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company is not a party to any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future material effect on the Company's financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues, expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

### Transactions with Related Parties

**MGC Ventures.** The Chief Executive Officer, President, Vice President-Finance and Vice President-Administration of the Company are also officers and/or directors and shareholders of MGC Ventures. The Company owned 12,062,953 common shares of MGC Ventures at March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 which represented 44% of its outstanding shares. MGC Ventures owned 258,083 common shares of the Company at March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008. In addition, MGC Ventures owned 280,000 common shares of Great Basin at March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008. During the last three years, the Company sublet a portion of its office space to MGC Ventures for \$6,000 per year.

**Great Basin.** The Chief Executive Officer, President, Vice President-Finance and Vice President-Administration of the Company are also officers and/or directors and shareholders of Great Basin. The Company owned 15,661,595 common shares of Great Basin at March 31, 2009

and December 31, 2008, which represented 45% of its outstanding shares. Great Basin owned 491,192 common shares of the Company at March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008. Great Basin also owned 170,800 common shares of MGC Ventures at March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008. During the last three years, the Company sublet a portion of its office space to Great Basin for \$6,000 per year.

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### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

Management's capitalization of exploration and development costs and assumptions regarding the future recoverability of such costs are based on, among other things, the Company's estimate of current mineral reserves and resources which are based on engineering and geological estimates, estimated gold and copper prices, estimated plant construction and operating costs and the procurement of all necessary regulatory permits or authorizations and approvals. These estimates could change in the future and this could affect the carrying value and the ultimate recoverability of the amounts recorded as property and mineral rights and capitalized exploration and development costs.

The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. If such expected future net cash flows are less than the carrying value an impairment loss is recognized and the asset is written down to fair value. Fair value is generally determined by discounting estimated cash flows, using quoted market prices where available or making estimates based on the best information available.

As part of this process management, in light of the permitting delays related to the Brisas Project, evaluated the future recovery of the capitalized costs associated with the development of Brisas. See "Consolidated Balance Sheets - Property, plant and equipment" and "Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements." Based on certain probability-weighted alternative outcomes, management considered, the sum of the expected future net cash flows to be generated from the use or disposition of Brisas (undiscounted and without interest charges) and compared that to its carrying value. Based on this analysis, management has concluded that there is no impairment of the amounts recorded on the Balance Sheet related to the Brisas Project as of March 31, 2009.

The fair value of the debt component of the Company's convertible notes is accreted to the face value of the notes using the effective interest rate method over the expected life of the notes, with the resulting charge recorded as interest expense. The expected life of the notes is an estimate and is subject to change, if warranted by facts and circumstances related to the potential early redemption of the notes by either the Company or the holders. At December 31, 2008, the Company revised its estimate of the expected life of the notes to June 15, 2012 and adjusted the carrying value accordingly. See "Consolidated Balance Sheets - Convertible Notes" and "Note 10 to the consolidated financial statements." The adjusted carrying value was calculated by computing the present value of estimated future interest and principal payments at the original effective interest rate. As a result of this change, the carrying value of the notes increased by approximately \$20.5 million with a corresponding increase in capitalized interest and accretion.

The Company uses the liability method of accounting for income taxes. Future tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and those amounts reported in the financial statements. The future tax assets or liabilities are calculated using the substantively enacted tax rates expected to apply in the periods in which the differences are expected to be settled. Future tax assets are recognized to the extent that they are considered more likely than not to be realized. The Company operates and files tax returns in a number of jurisdictions. The preparation of such tax filings requires considerable judgment and the use of assumptions. Accordingly, the amounts reported could vary in the future. See "Consolidated Statements of Operations - Income tax expense.

The Company uses the fair value method of accounting for stock options. The fair value is computed using the Black-Scholes method which utilizes estimates that affect the amounts ultimately recorded as stock based compensation. See "Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements."

Through 2006, the Company re-measured its Bolivar denominated transactions at the official exchange rate. In 2007, based on new guidance from the AICPA's International Practices Task Force (IPTF), the Company concluded that the parallel market rate was the most appropriate rate to use to re-measure Bolivar transactions. Accordingly, in 2007 the Company began to use the average rate received in the parallel market to re-measure Bolivar transactions and at December 31, 2007, used the parallel rate to translate Bolivar denominated monetary items. In June 2008, due to an amendment to the Criminal Exchange Law, the IPTF reconsidered the issue of which exchange rate was the most appropriate to use. After consideration of the IPTF review and in the absence of definitive guidance, the Company continues to believe that it is most appropriate use the parallel rate to re-measure transactions and to translate Bs. denominated monetary items.

### **International Financial Reporting Standards**

In 2006, the Canadian Accounting Standards Boards (AcSB) published a new strategic plan that will significantly affect financial reporting requirements for Canadian companies. The AcSB strategic plan outlines the convergence of Canadian GAAP with IFRS over an expected five year transitional period. In February 2008, the AcSB announced that 2011 is the changeover date for publicly-listed companies to use IFRS,

replacing Canadian GAAP. This date is for interim and annual financial statements relating to fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. The transition date of January 1, 2011 will require the restatement for comparative purposes of amounts reported by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2010. In July 2008, AcSB announced that early adoption will be allowed in 2009 subject to seeking exemptive relief. We are currently formulating a project plan for the transition to IFRS and are assessing the impact of IFRS, specifically with respect to the effect on our accounting policies, IT systems, and internal control over financial reporting.

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### **Significant Accounting Policies**

Our accounting policies are described in Note 1 of the consolidated financial statements contained in our Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2008, except for the new accounting policies adopted in the three month period ended March 31, 2009 which are disclosed in Note 2 of the March 31, 2009 unaudited interim consolidated financial statements. The more significant accounting policies are as follows:

**Financial Instruments.** Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted CICA Section 3862. This Section requires entities to provide disclosures in their financial statements that enable users to evaluate (a) the significance of financial instruments for the entity's financial position and performance; and (b) the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments to which the entity is exposed during the period and at the balance sheet date, and how the entity manages those risks.

**Stock Based Compensation.** We use the fair value method of accounting for stock options granted to employees and directors. Consideration paid for shares on exercise of share options in addition to the fair value attributable to stock options granted is credited to capital stock.

**Exploration and Development Costs.** Exploration costs incurred in locating areas of potential mineralization are expensed as incurred. Exploration costs of properties or working interests with specific areas of potential mineralization are capitalized at cost pending the determination of a property's economic viability. Development costs of proven mining properties not yet producing are capitalized at cost and classified as property, plant and equipment. Property holding costs are charged to operations during the period if no significant exploration or development activities are being conducted on the related properties. Upon commencement of production, capitalized exploration and development costs will be amortized based on the estimated proven and probable reserves benefited. Properties which are abandoned are written-off and properties determined to be impaired are written-down to the estimated fair value. Interest expense allocable to the cost of developing mining properties and to constructing new facilities is capitalized until assets are ready for their intended use.

**Measurement Uncertainty.** At March 31, 2009, with the exception of cash and certain equipment in the manufacturing stage, nearly all of the Company's assets, including our primary mining asset, the Brisas Project, were located in Venezuela. Our operations in Venezuela are subject to the effects of changes in legal, tax and regulatory regimes, national and local political issues, labor and economic developments, unrest, currency and exchange controls, import/export restrictions, government bureaucracy, corruption and uncertain legal enforcement. One or more of the issues described herein or other factors beyond our control could adversely affect our operations and investment in Venezuela in the future.

Management's capitalization of exploration and development costs and assumptions regarding the future recoverability of such costs are based on, among other things, the Company's estimate of current mineral reserves and resources which are based on engineering and geological estimates, estimated gold and copper prices, estimated plant construction and operating costs and the procurement of all necessary regulatory permits and approvals. In addition, the Company records amounts paid for value-added tax as a non-current asset based on the assumption that these amounts will be recoverable when the Brisas Project begins production. These assumptions and estimates could change in the future and this could affect the carrying value and the ultimate recoverability of the amounts recorded as property and mineral rights, capitalized exploration and development costs and other assets. The Company operates and files tax returns in a number of jurisdictions. The preparation of such tax filings requires considerable judgment and the use of assumptions. Accordingly, the amounts reported could vary in the future.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Management believes that internal controls over financial reporting no matter how well conceived and operated, can only provide reasonable assurance that their objectives are met. There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended March 31, 2009 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

### **Non-GAAP Measures**

We believe references in this report to cash costs per ounce (a non-GAAP measure of performance) enable certain investors to better understand Brisas' potential profitability and ability to generate operating cash flow. Non-GAAP measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by Canadian or U.S. GAAP, and therefore they may not be comparable to similar measures prescribed by other companies. The data

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is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. Such measures are not necessarily indicative of operating profit or cash flow from operations as determined under GAAP.

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EXHIBIT 99.3

Chief Executive Officer's Certification of Interim Filings

**Form 52-109F2**

### **Certification of interim filings - full certificate**

I, Rockne J. Timm, Chief Executive Officer of Gold Reserve Inc., certify the following:

1. I have reviewed the interim financial statements and interim MD&A (together, the interim filings ) of Gold Reserve Inc. (the issuer ) for the interim period ended March 31, 2009.
2. Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the interim filings do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it was made, with respect to the period covered by the interim filings.
3. Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the interim financial statements together with the other financial information included in the interim filings fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the issuer, as of the date of and for the periods presented in the interim filings.
4. The issuer's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (DC&P) and internal control over financial reporting (ICFR), as those terms are defined in National Instrument 52-109 *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers - Annual and Interim Filings*, for the issuer.
5. Subject to the limitations, if any, described in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3, the issuer's other certifying officer and I have, as at the end of the period covered by the interim filings
  - (a) designed DC&P, or caused it to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance that
    - (i) material information relating to the issuer is made known to us by others, particularly during the period in which the interim filings are being prepared; and
    - (ii) information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by it under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation; and
  - (b) designed ICFR, or caused it to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's GAAP.
- 5.1 The control framework the issuer's other certifying officer and I used to design the issuer's ICFR is the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) framework.
- 5.2 N/A
- 5.3 N/A

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6. The issuer has disclosed in its interim MD&A any change in the issuer's ICFR that occurred during the period beginning January 1, 2009 and ended on March 31, 2009 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the issuer's ICFR.

Date: May 14, 2009

s/Rockne J. Timm

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Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT 99.4

Chief Financial Officer's Certification of Interim Filings

**Form 52-109F2**

### **Certification of interim filings full certificate**

I, Robert A. McGuinness, Chief Financial Officer of Gold Reserve Inc., certify the following:

1. I have reviewed the interim financial statements and interim MD&A (together, the interim filings) of Gold Reserve Inc. (the issuer) for the interim period ended March 31, 2009.
2. Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the interim filings do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances under which it was made, with respect to the period covered by the interim filings.
3. Based on my knowledge, having exercised reasonable diligence, the interim financial statements together with the other financial information included in the interim filings fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the issuer, as of the date of and for the periods presented in the interim filings.
4. The issuer's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (DC&P) and internal control over financial reporting (ICFR), as those terms are defined in National Instrument 52-109 *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers Annual and Interim Filings*, for the issuer.
5. Subject to the limitations, if any, described in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3, the issuer's other certifying officer and I have, as at the end of the period covered by the interim filings
  - (a) designed DC&P, or caused it to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance that
    - (i) material information relating to the issuer is made known to us by others, particularly during the period in which the interim filings are being prepared; and
    - (ii) information required to be disclosed by the issuer in its annual filings, interim filings or other reports filed or submitted by it under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in securities legislation; and
  - (b) designed ICFR, or caused it to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with the issuer's GAAP.

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- 5.1 The control framework the issuer's other certifying officer and I used to design the issuer's ICFR is the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) framework.
- 5.2 N/A
- 5.3 N/A
6. The issuer has disclosed in its interim MD&A any change in the issuer's ICFR that occurred during the period beginning January 1, 2009 and ended on March 31, 2009 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the issuer's ICFR.

Date: May 14, 2009

s/Robert A. McGuinness

Robert A. McGuinness

Chief Financial Officer