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#### JOHNSTON JAMES MICHAEL Form 3 April 29, 2011 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB APPROVAL OMB Number: 3235-0104

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting<br>Person <u>*</u><br>STEELHEAD PARTNERS<br>LLC |                 |                              | 2. Date of Event Requiring<br>Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>04/20/2011                                  | GOLD RESERVE INC [GR                             |   |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last)   | (First)         | (Middle)                     |  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer |   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |  |  |
| 333 108TH AVE. NE, SUITE<br>2010   |                 |                              |  | (Check all applicable)                           |   |  | · · /  |  |
| DEI I EVITE  | (Street)        | 08004                        |  | Officer<br>(give title below                     | Director 10% Owner<br>OfficerX Other<br>title below) (specify below)<br>See footnotes |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group<br>Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>Form filed by One Reporting<br>Person |  |
| BELLEVUE, WA 98004   |                 |                              |  |  |   | _X_ Form filed by More than One<br>Reporting Person  |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)         | (Zip)                        | Table I - N  | lon-Derivat                                      | tive Securiti   | ties Beneficially Owned                              |  |  |
| 1.Title of Secur<br>(Instr. 4)   | rity            |                              | 2. Amount of<br>Beneficially<br>(Instr. 4)   |  | 3.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5)            | 4. Nat<br>Owne<br>(Instr                             |  |  |
| Class A Common Stock   |                 |                              | 12,707,979   | 12,707,979 <u>(4)</u>                            |   | See f  | footnotes $(1)$ $(2)$ $(3)$  |  |
| Reminder: Repo   |                 |                              | ach class of securities benefici   | <sup>ially</sup> S                               | EC 1473 (7-02   | 2)   |  |  |
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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and | 3. Title and Amount of | 4.          | 5.         | 6. Nature of Indirect |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
| (Instr. 4)                      | Expiration Date         | Securities Underlying  | Conversion  | Ownership  | Beneficial Ownership  |
|                                 | (Month/Day/Year)        | Derivative Security    | or Exercise | Form of    | (Instr. 5)            |
|                                 |                         | (Instr. 4)             | Price of    | Derivative |                       |
|                                 |                         |                        | Derivative  | Security:  |                       |

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| Date        | Expiration | Title | Amount or | Security | Direct (D)  |
|-------------|------------|-------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Exercisable | Date       |       | Number of |          | or Indirect |
|             |            |       | Shares    |          | (I)         |
|             |            |       |           |          | (Instr. 5)  |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |               |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other         |  |
| STEELHEAD PARTNERS LLC<br>333 108TH AVE. NE<br>SUITE 2010<br>BELLEVUE, WA 98004 | Â             | Â         | Â       | See footnotes |  |
| JOHNSTON JAMES MICHAEL<br>333 108TH AVE. NE<br>SUITE 2010<br>BELLEVUE, WA 98004 | Â             | Â         | Â       | See footnotes |  |
| KLEIN BRIAN KATZ<br>333 108TH AVE. NE<br>SUITE 2010<br>BELLEVUE, WA 98004       | Â             | Â         | Â       | See footnotes |  |

## **Signatures**

| Steelhead Partners, LLC; By: J. Michael Johnston, its Member-Manager; /s/ J. Michael Johnston | 04/29/2011 |  |  |
|---|------------|--|--|
| **Signature of Reporting Person   | Date       |  |  |
| J. Michael Johnston; /s/ J. Michael Johnston  |            |  |  |
| <u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person   | Date       |  |  |
| Brian K. Klein; /s/ Brian K. Klein  |            |  |  |
| **Signature of Reporting Person   | Date       |  |  |

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The reporting persons are: (i) Steelhead Partners, LLC ("Steelhead"), a registered investment advisor within the meaning of Rule
(1) 16a-1(a)(1)(v) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and (ii) each of James Michael Johnston and Brian Katz Klein, Steelhead's member-managers.

The issuer's securities reported on this Form 3 are beneficially held by Steelhead Navigator Master, L.P. ("Steelhead Navigator"). Steelhead is the investment manager of Steelhead Navigator. As a greater than 10% beneficial owner, Steelhead Navigator is separately

(2) reporting its holdings in the issuer's securities on a Form 3 filed concurrently herewith. Each of Steelhead, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Klein and Steelhead Navigator expressly disclaims beneficial ownership in these securities, except to the extent of their respective pecuniary interests therein.

Steelhead and the other reporting persons may be deemed to beneficially own the securities owned by Steelhead Navigator insofar as they may be deemed to have the power to direct the voting or disposition of such securities. The reporting persons have elected therefore to file this Form 3 voluntarily to report Steelhead Navigator's holdings, notwithstanding the reporting exemption applicable to registered

(3) Including to report steenhead reargator's notatings, notwinistanding the reporting exemption appreade to registered investment advisors under Rule 16a-1(a)(1)(v) and to control persons under Rule 16a-1(a)(1)(vii). The filing of this Form 3 should not, however, be deemed an admission by any of the reporting persons that such person falls outside the scope of the foregoing exemptions, or that the reporting persons and/or Steelhead Navigator form a group within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(a)(1).

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Consistent with the position taken by the issuer in its Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011, 4,024,005 shares of the issuer's Class A common stock (the "Convertible Note Shares") that may be issued to Steelhead Navigator

(4) upon the conversion of certain convertible notes held by Steelhead Navigator (the "Convertible Notes") are not included in this Form 3 because the receipt of such Convertible Note Shares is contingent upon the issuer's determination, in its sole discretion, to deliver the Convertible Note Shares instead of cash upon conversion of the Convertible Notes.

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