

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>MIKKELSEN CHRIS D</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O GOLD RESERVE CORP</u> <u>926 W. SPRAGUE AVENUE, SUITE 200</u>  (Street) <u>SPOKANE WA 99201</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> 01/01/2010	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>GOLD RESERVE INC [ GRZ ]</u>  <b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Shares	340,041	D	

### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Options	09/27/2006	09/27/2011	Class A Common Shares	50,000	4.19	D	
Stock Options	12/04/2007	05/27/2010	Class A Common Shares	13,333	4.834	D	
Stock Options	12/04/2007	11/27/2010	Class A Common Shares	13,333	4.834	D	
Stock Options	12/04/2007	05/27/2011	Class A Common Shares	13,333	4.834	D	
Stock Options	(1)	12/05/2013	Class A Common Shares	53,336	0.29	D	
Stock Options	03/18/2010	03/18/2014	Class A Common Shares	35,000	0.73	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. One-third vest upon grant date of December 5, 2008 and the remaining vest annually over a two year period.

Mary E. Smith, Attorney in  
Fact for Chris D. Mikkelsen

01/06/2010

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Mary E. Smith and David P. Onzay, or either of them signing singly, and with full power of substitution, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney in fact to:

1. prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") or any rule or regulation of the SEC;

2. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and director of Gold Reserve Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any successor forms thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder;

3. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such forms, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such forms with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

4. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney in fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney in fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney in fact may approve in such attorney in fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney in fact, or such attorney in fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys in fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file reports under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys in fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 7th day of December, 2009.

/s/ Chris D. Mikkelsen