
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 14D-9

**SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT UNDER
SECTION 14(d)(4) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

(Amendment No. 8)

GOLD RESERVE INC.

(Name of Subject Company)

GOLD RESERVE INC.

(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

**Class A Common Shares
Equity Units
Class A Common Share Purchase Rights**
(Title of Class of Securities)

38068N108 (Class A Common Shares)
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This Amendment No. 8 amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 originally filed by Gold Reserve Inc. (“Gold Reserve”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 30, 2008 (as amended, the “Statement”). The purpose of this amendment is to amend and supplement Item 9 — Exhibits by adding a new exhibit (a)(14).

Item 9. Exhibits

Item 9 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following exhibit:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
(a)(14)	Press release issued by Gold Reserve Inc. on January 20, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Gold Reserve Inc.’s Form 425 filed with the Commission on January 20, 2009)

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 20, 2009

GOLD RESERVE INC.

By: /s/ Robert A. McGuinness _____

Name: Robert A. McGuinness

Title: Vice President -- Finance & CFO