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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <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)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GOLD RESERVE INC [GRZ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/30/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
<u>Class A Common Shares</u>	<u>01/30/2012</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>36,000⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>428,041</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
<u>Stock Options</u>	<u>\$2.89</u>	<u>01/30/2012</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>90,000</u>		<u>(2)</u>	<u>01/30/2017</u>	<u>Class A Common Shares</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>\$2.89</u>	<u>298,336</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted shares granted under the 1997 Equity Incentive Plan. The common shares vest in 9,000 share increments on April 16, 2012, July 16, 2012, October 15, 2012 and January 15, 2013.
2. The stock options vest 34% immediately, 33% on July 30, 2012 and the remaining 33% vest on January 30, 2013.

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

01/31/2012

** 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 4 (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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