

## **GOLD RESERVE ANNOUNCES STOCK OPTION GRANTS**

Pembroke, Bermuda – January 09, 2026 – Gold Reserve Ltd. (TSX.V: GRZ) (BSX: GRZ.BH) (OTCQX: GDRZF) (“Gold Reserve” or the “Company”) announces that it has granted a total of 1,525,000 stock options (the “Options”) to directors, officers, employees and certain key consultants of the Company. The Options are exercisable for a period of five years at an exercise price of US\$3.64 per share. The Options were issued pursuant to the Company’s 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, and in accordance with the requirements of the TSX Venture Exchange and the Bermuda Stock Exchange.

The Company also announced that effective January 8, 2026, Sai Ahmed has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer of the Company and Mackenzie Clark has been appointed as Chief Legal Officer of the Company.

### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking statements**

*This release contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of applicable U.S. federal securities laws and “forward-looking information” within the meaning of applicable Canadian provincial and territorial securities laws and state Gold Reserve’s and its management’s intentions, hopes, beliefs, expectations or predictions for the future. 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. They are frequently characterized by words such as “anticipates”, “plan”, “continue”, “expect”, “project”, “intend”, “believe”, “anticipate”, “estimate”, “may”, “will”, “potential”, “proposed”, “positioned” and other similar words, or statements that certain events or conditions “may” or “will” occur.*

*Such information and statements reflect the current views of the Company’s management, as the case may be, with respect to future events, and are based on information currently available to the Company, as the case may be, and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those discussed below. Many factors could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking information or statements. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should assumptions underlying the forward-looking information or statements prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein as intended, planned, anticipated, believed, estimated or expected.*

*For a more detailed discussion of the risk factors affecting the Company’s business, see the Company’s Management’s Discussion & Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2024 and other reports that have been filed on SEDAR+ and are available under the Company’s profile at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).*

*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 applicable Canadian provincial and territorial securities laws.*

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