

## **Gold Reserve Returns to Venezuela**

Pembroke, Bermuda – March 05, 2026 – Gold Reserve Ltd. (“Gold Reserve” or the “Company”) (TSX-V: GRZ, BSX: GRZ.BH, OTCQX: GDRZF) announces that yesterday Secretary Burgum, U.S. Department of the Interior, and David Copley, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Global Supply Chain, National Security Council, the White House, led a U.S. mining delegation in Venezuela, which included representatives of Gold Reserve. This delegation also met with President Rodríguez and members of her administration for an open and constructive discussion regarding the conditions necessary to enable foreign investment and support the resumption of mining operations in the country.

Paul Rivett, Vice Chair of Gold Reserve, said, "We attended these important initial meetings in Venezuela yesterday and we are very impressed with the progress and support of both the U.S. administration and President Rodríguez's administration. The speed and depth to which the U.S. and Venezuelan administrations are working in partnership together is inspiring and will no doubt benefit the resiliency of our hemisphere. We strongly believe there is a path emerging toward cooperation and greatness for the people of Venezuela and the United States, while creating long-term value for our shareholders."

The Company also learned that OFAC has granted a 30-day license for certain businesses, including Gold Reserve, to negotiate with Venezuela. Gold Reserve intends to utilize this opportunity and is thankful to OFAC for allowing this historic initial opportunity to return to Venezuela with our partners.

## **About Gold Reserve**

Gold Reserve is a primarily US-owned mineral exploration and development company focused on advancing high-quality mineral assets with the objective of creating sustainable long-term value for shareholders. The Company is listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V: GRZ), the Bermuda Stock Exchange (BSX: GRZ.BH), and trades in the United States on the OTCQX (OTCQX: GDRZF).

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

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