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BRISAS MEASURED AND INDICATED GOLD RESOURCE INCREASES TO 12.4 MILLION OUNCES

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Gold Reserve Inc. (TSX: GRZ – AMEX:GRZ) is very pleased to announce a 1.4 million gold ounce and 229 million copper pound increase in the measured and indicated resource at its Brisas project located in Southeastern Venezuela. The measured and indicated gold and copper resources are approximately 12.4 million ounces and 1.6 billion pounds, respectively. The inferred resource at Brisas is an additional 2.46 million ounces of gold and 346 million pounds of copper. The increase in measured and indicated gold and copper resource is in addition to the resource disclosed in the Brisas bankable feasibility study released in January 2005.

The resource estimate incorporates the Company's recent drill program of 15,000 meters and a 0.4 grams per tonne gold equivalent (AuEq) cutoff grade using \$350 per ounce gold and \$0.90 per pound copper. Pincock Allen & Holt of Denver, Colorado is currently completing the proven and probable reserve estimate which is expected to be finalized next week.

Pincock Allen & Holt has completed the resource estimate utilizing various cutoff grades summarized in the following table:

Brisas Measured and Indicated Resource

Category	AuEq	K tonnes		Gold	Copper	
	Cutoff		Gpt	k ozs	%	m lbs
	0.3	285,819	0.636	5,841	0.115	721
	0.4	250,184	0.689	5,541	0.119	656
Measured	0.5	206,653	0.758	5,039	0.127	577
	0.6	156,226	0.861	4,327	0.133	456
	0.7	120,940	0.953	3,704	0.139	370
	0.3	402,949	0.567	7,351	0.129	1,140
	0.4	332,314	0.640	6,837	0.132	966
Indicated	0.5	265,562	0.719	6,139	0.137	802
	0.6	193,409	0.834	5,186	0.137	585
	0.7	147,338	0.928	4,398	0.140	454
	0.3	688,768	0.596	13,192	0.123	1,861
Measured	0.4	582,498	0.661	12,378	0.126	1,622
+	0.5	472,215	0.736	11,178	0.133	1,379
Indicated	0.6	349,635	0.846	9,513	0.135	1,041
	0.7	268,278	0.939	8,102	0.140	824

Brisas Inferred Resource

The Brisas inferred resource estimate at various gold equivalent (AuEq) cutoff grades is summarized in the following table:

Category	AuEq	k tonnes	Gold		Copper	
	Cutoff		Gpt	K ozs	%	M lbs
	0.3	178,650	0.490	2,813	0.120	472
	0.4	129,040	0.594	2,464	0.122	346
Inferred	0.5	95,492	0.690	2,118	0.124	261
	0.6	63,916	0.835	1,715	0.113	159
	0.7	47,607	0.933	1,428	0.113	118

The geologic resource has been estimated in accordance with the SME Reporting Guide and CIMM Standards as adopted by CSA National Instrument 43 – 101. The gold equivalent (AuEq) cutoff is based on \$350 per gold ounce, \$0.90 per pound copper, anticipated metal recoveries and smelter costs. The qualified persons involved in the resource estimate were Raul Borrastero, C.P.G. and Susan Poos P.E. of Pincock Allen & Holt and Brad Yonaka and Daniel Thompson of Gold Reserve.

The Brisas operating plan from the bankable feasibility study anticipates utilizing conventional truck and shovel mining methods with the processing of ore at full production of 70,000 tonnes per day, yielding an average annual production of 486,000 ounces of gold and 63 million pounds of copper. Initial capital cost and the cash operating cost are estimated to be \$552 million and \$154 per ounce of gold (net of copper by product at \$1.00 per pound), respectively.

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