



Gold Reserve Inc.

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GOLD RESERVE CONFIRMS RECEIPT OF PERMIT TO AFFECT FOR CHOCO 5

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Gold Reserve Inc. (TSX and AMEX: GRZ) announced today it has received the Permit to Affect Natural Resources from the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MARNR) for its Choco 5 property located in Venezuela's El Callao mining district. The Company expects to soon commence an aggressive exploration program on the property. The Company will base its exploration effort out of its office in El Callao. The Company's geologists have already identified some drill targets and are commencing a geophysics and geochemistry program designed to identify other targets.

Choco 5 is a 5,000 hectare concession located in the western end of the El Callao mining district. Choco 5 is contiguous and adjacent to Bolivar Gold Corp.'s (TSX: BGC) Choco 10 property, which has recently commissioned a new 6,000 tonne per day mill. Bolivar Gold and Gold Fields Limited (NYSE and YSE: GFI) are also actively exploring other properties in the region and nearby Hecla Mining Company (NYSE: HL) is developing Mina Isadora, which it expects to place into production in 2006.

Doug Belanger, President of Gold Reserve, stated, "We are very pleased to receive the Permit to Affect Natural Resources so soon after the receipt of the Permit to Occupy the Territory. We are now in a position to move forward with our exploration of the Choco 5 property. This adds a new element to Gold Reserve in addition to the development of the Brisas project."

Gold Reserve Inc. is a Canadian company which has the Choco 5 gold exploration property and the Brisas gold/copper project in southeastern Venezuela. The Brisas project has 10.1 million ounces of gold and 1.29 billion pounds of copper in proven and probable ore reserves. Further information on Brisas tonnage and grades is available at www.goldreserveinc.com. A positive production decision was made earlier this year on the Brisas project.

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