

## ROBERT D. WUNDER JOINS GOLD RESERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT VENEZUELAN OPERATIONS

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**Gold Reserve Inc. (TSX: GRZ – AMEX:GRZ)** today announced the appointment of Robert D. Wunder as Vice President - Venezuelan Operations. He has 30 years of operating, engineering and project development experience in large scale gold and copper projects. Recently, he was General Director for Assarel-Medet JSCo, a European copper mining company with over 1,200 employees. He has also been Senior Vice President Project Development for Echo Bay Mines Ltd., Vice President of Operations for Minera Escondida Ltda. in Chile, and Mine Operations Superintendent at the Bingham Canyon Mine in Utah.

Mr. Wunder will be responsible for all day-to-day mining activities in Venezuela with the primary responsibility of coordinating the EPCM effort into the implementation of the Brisas Project operations. He is 56 years old and has a B.S. from the Colorado School of Mines and a M.B.A. from the University of Utah.

Doug Belanger, President, stated, "We are pleased that a person of Robert's caliber has joined our team for the development, construction and operation of the Brisas Project. He has considerable leadership and management skills and he brings to the Company a unique combination of international construction and operations experience with large scale gold plants and copper flotation concentrators ideally suited to the Brisas Project in Venezuela."

Gold Reserve Inc. is a Canadian company which has the Brisas gold/copper project and the Choco 5 gold exploration property in Bolivar State, Venezuela. The Brisas Project is estimated to have 10.1 million ounces of gold and 1.29 billion pounds of copper in proven and probable ore reserves. Construction of the Brisas Project is expected to commence upon securing sufficient debt and equity funding and the issuance of the construction permit by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources. Further information on Brisas tonnage, grades, reserve estimates and calculations, and the bankable feasibility study is available at <a href="https://www.goldreserveinc.com">www.goldreserveinc.com</a>, <a href="https://www.secar.com">www.secar.com</a> and <a href="https://www.secar.com">www.secar.com</a>.

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