

Gold Reserve Completes New Health Care Center Near Brisas Gold/Copper Project

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Gold Reserve Inc. (TSX:GRZ) (AMEX:GRZ) today announced that it has completed construction of a new healthcare center at KM 88, Bolivar State, southeastern Venezuela for the benefit of the communities nearby the Brisas project. At a recent ceremony the clinic was handed over to the Mission Barrio Adentro Health Program (Mission into the Neighborhood), a program to provide health and dental care to the poor initiated by Venezuelan President Chavez.

The Company works closely with the local community on various social issues and continues to pursue its proposal to the Ministry of Basic Industries and Mines (MIBAM) to implement a support program within the framework of Mission Piar, another one of President Chavez's social initiatives which is directed at local small miners and encompasses technical assistance and training, mitigating environmental impact as well as integration of the small miners into the formal economy.

In recognition of its commitment to social issues, the Latin-America Mining Organization ("OLAMI"), an industry association that represents and promotes mining in 16 Latin American countries, previously recognized the Company with a Special Award for Excellence in Social Management during the pre-operational stage.

Doug Belanger, President, stated, "We are proud to be a supporter of the local communities and its residents and the recent completion of the new community healthcare center is an example of our continuing efforts to support the local communities in which we work."

Gold Reserve Inc. is a Canadian company, which holds the rights to the Brisas gold/copper Project and the Choco 5 gold exploration property in Bolivar State, Venezuela. The Brisas Project is estimated to have proven and probable reserves of 10.1 million ounces of gold and 1.29 billion pounds of copper contained in 446 million tonnes with an average grade of 0.70 grams per tonne gold and 0.13% copper. The qualified person involved in the review and evaluation of the reserve estimates contained herein was Daniel M. Thompson, Manager - Technical Services for Gold Reserve. Construction of the Brisas Project is expected to commence upon the issuance of the construction permit by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and securing sufficient debt and equity funding.

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