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GOLD RESERVE ANNOUNCES GRANT OF STOCK OPTIONS

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Gold Reserve Inc. (TSX.V: GRZ) (OTCQB: GDRZF) ("Gold Reserve" or the "Company") announced the grant of 3,125,000 stock options to its officers and directors. In addition, a total of 1,902,500 stock options were granted to employees and consultants of the Company. In January, 1,469,500 stock options exercisable at US \$2.89 expired. The stock options granted on February 16, 2017 are exercisable at US \$3.15, have a 10-year term, and have been issued under the Company's existing 2012 Equity Incentive Plan.

Further information regarding the Company can be located at www.sec.gov, and www.sedar.com.

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