



## GOLD RESERVE GRANTED CONDITIONAL WRIT OF ATTACHMENT FROM U.S. DELAWARE COURT REGARDING SHARES IN CITGO'S HOLDING COMPANY

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Gold Reserve Inc. (TSX.V:GRZ) (OTCQX:GDRZF) ("**Gold Reserve**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that it was granted a conditional writ of attachment *feri facias* from the U.S. District Court of Delaware (the **Delaware Court**) regarding the shares of PDV Holding, Inc. (**PDVH**), the indirect parent company of CITGO Petroleum Corp.

This order furthers the decision of the Delaware Court in January 2023 that Gold Reserve's request for an attachment writ be treated the same as that of certain Other Creditors (as detailed in the applicable court documents of the Delaware Court) of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (the **Republic of Venezuela**). On March 23, 2023, the Delaware Court granted the Other Creditors conditional writs of attachment regarding the shares of PDVH on the basis that Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. (also known as PDVSA), the holding company of PDVH, is the alter ego of the Republic of Venezuela, and therefore its property is subject to attachment and execution by judgement creditors of the Republic of Venezuela.

The writ of attachment is conditional and will not be effective unless and until the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control (also known as OFAC) has authorized transactions in the PDVH shares. On the March 30, 2023 hearings, the Delaware Court stated that OFAC expected to provide a status report to the court-appointed Special Master overseeing the potential sale of the PDVH shares. Thereafter, the Special Master is to file a status report on April 30, 2023, to update the Delaware Court on OFAC's position.

The Delaware Court directed the Company, and the Other Creditors, to file a joint status report seven days after the Special Master's status report, and to include a proposed briefing schedule for including additional judgements, such as the Company's, in the existing sales process for the PDVH shares. The Company and the Other Creditors need to individually attempt to add their judgements to the existing sales process and abide by the Delaware Court's terms related to the process.

PDVSA stated that it would oppose the inclusion of any additional judgements in the existing sales process and appeal the decision of the Delaware Court to grant the Company, and the Other Creditors, the conditional writs of attachment *feri facias*. It is expected that the resolution of such appeal would take between six to eighteen months, with no assurances as to timing or outcome.

The conditional writ of attachment provides Gold Reserve the opportunity to potentially enforce its September 2014 arbitral award and corresponding November 2015 U.S. judgement by participating in the potential sale of the PDVH shares. The amount of Gold Reserve's award and judgement is approximately U.S.\$990 million, inclusive of interest. Further information regarding the award and judgement can be found in the Company's most recent interim financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2022 and the Company's annual information form for the year ended December 31, 2021. These documents can be found under the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

If OFAC authorizes the transactions in the PDVH shares, the Delaware court bailiff will serve the Company's writ of attachment *feri facias* (and the writs of the Other Creditors), and thereafter the attachment would be effective.

Rockne J. Timm, CEO stated, "Today's announcement is a confirmation of our rigorous ongoing efforts to take steps in various jurisdictions to collect U.S. \$990 million including interest, owed by the government of Venezuela. Currently, we have judgements in multiple jurisdictions confirming our arbitration award and we have succeeded in attaching funds in another jurisdiction. Also, the Company remains open, in compliance with applicable U.S. and Canadian Sanctions, to resolving these matters outside of our

various legal cases and potential new arbitration with respect to the collection of amounts owed and the restoration of Siembra Minera's mining rights."

### **Further information on PDVH and CITGO Petroleum Corp.**

PDVH is the indirect parent company of CITGO Petroleum Corp. Based on public disclosure, CITGO Petroleum Corp. operates three refineries in the U.S, and wholly and/or jointly owns 38 active terminals, six pipelines and three lubricants blending and packaging plants. CITGO Petroleum Corp. ranks itself as the fifth-largest independent refiner in the U.S. with approximately 3,300 employees and a combined crude capacity of approximately 769,000 barrels-per-day (bpd).

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