

GOLD RESERVE INC
Form SC 13G/A
May 02, 2011

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 13G*

(Rule 13d-102)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO §240.13d-1(b), (c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED**

PURSUANT TO §240.13d-2.

(Amendment No. __)*+

Gold Reserve Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, no par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

38068N108

(CUSIP Number)

April 28, 2011

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

[†]This Schedule 13G amends the Schedule 13D filed by the reporting persons on April 29, 2011.

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(1) Names of Reporting Persons		STEELHEAD PARTNERS, LLC	
		(a) £	
(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)		(b) £	
(3) SEC Use Only			
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization		Delaware	
NUMBER OF	(5)	Sole Voting Power	11,707,979 ¹
	(6)	Shared Voting Power	0
SHARES	(7)	Sole Dispositive Power	11,707,979 ¹
BENEFICIALLY			
OWNED BY EACH			
REPORTING			
PERSON WITH	(8)	Shared Dispositive Power	0
(9)	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person		11,707,979 ¹
	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See		
(10)	Instructions)		..
(11)	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)		19.7% ¹
(12)	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)		IA

¹Consistent with the position taken by the issuer in its Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011, 4,024,005 shares of the issuer's Class A common stock (the Convertible Note Shares) that may be issued to Steelhead Navigator (as defined below) upon the conversion of certain convertible notes held by Steelhead Navigator (the Convertible Notes) are not included in this Schedule 13G because the receipt of such Convertible Note Shares is contingent upon the issuer's determination, in its sole discretion, to deliver the Convertible Note Shares instead of cash upon conversion of the Convertible Notes.

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(1) Names of Reporting Persons	JAMES MICHAEL JOHNSTON	
	(a)	£
(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)		(b) £
(3) SEC Use Only		
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization		United States
NUMBER OF	(5) Sole Voting Power	0
	(6) Shared Voting Power	11,707,979 ¹
SHARES	(7) Sole Dispositive Power	0
BENEFICIALLY		
OWNED BY EACH		
REPORTING		
PERSON WITH	(8) Shared Dispositive Power	11,707,979 ¹
(9)	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	11,707,979 ¹
	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See	
(10)	Instructions)	..
(11)	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)	19.7% ¹
(12)	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)	IN/HC

¹Consistent with the position taken by the issuer in its Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011, 4,024,005 shares of the issuer's Class A common stock (the Convertible Note Shares) that may be issued to Steelhead Navigator (as defined below) upon the conversion of certain convertible notes held by Steelhead Navigator (the Convertible Notes) are not included in this Schedule 13G because the receipt of such Convertible Note Shares is contingent upon the issuer's determination, in its sole discretion, to deliver the Convertible Note Shares instead of cash upon conversion of the Convertible Notes.

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(1) Names of Reporting Persons		BRIAN KATZKLEIN
	(a)	£
(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)		(b) £
(3) SEC Use Only		
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization		United States
NUMBER OF	(5)	Sole Voting Power
	(6)	Shared Voting Power
SHARES	(7)	Sole Dispositive Power
		0
		11,707,979 ¹
		0

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY EACH

REPORTING

PERSON WITH	(8)	Shared Dispositive Power	11,707,979 ¹
(9)		Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	11,707,979 ¹
		Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See	
(10)		Instructions)	..
(11)		Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)	19.7% ¹
(12)		Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)	IN/HC

¹Consistent with the position taken by the issuer in its Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011, 4,024,005 shares of the issuer's Class A common stock (the Convertible Note Shares) that may be issued to Steelhead Navigator (as defined below) upon the conversion of certain convertible notes held by Steelhead Navigator (the Convertible Notes) are not included in this Schedule 13G because the receipt of such Convertible Note Shares is contingent upon the issuer's determination, in its sole discretion, to deliver the Convertible Note Shares instead of cash upon conversion of the Convertible Notes.

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(1) Names of Reporting Persons	STEELHEAD NAVIGATOR MASTER, L.P.	(a) £
(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)		(b) £
(3) SEC Use Only		
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization		Cayman Islands
NUMBER OF (5) Sole Voting Power		11,707,979 ¹
(6) Shared Voting Power		0
SHARES (7) Sole Dispositive Power		11,707,979 ¹
BENEFICIALLY		
OWNED BY EACH		
REPORTING		
PERSON WITH (8) Shared Dispositive Power		0
(9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person		11,707,979 ¹
Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See		
(10) Instructions)		..
(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)		19.7% ¹
(12) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)		PN

¹Consistent with the position taken by the issuer in its Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011, 4,024,005 shares of the issuer's Class A common stock (the Convertible Note Shares) that may be issued to Steelhead Navigator (as defined below) upon the conversion of certain convertible notes held by Steelhead Navigator (the Convertible Notes) are not included in this Schedule 13G because the receipt of such Convertible Note Shares is contingent upon the issuer's determination, in its sole discretion, to deliver the Convertible Note Shares instead of cash upon conversion of the Convertible Notes.

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Gold Reserve Inc.

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

926 West Sprague Avenue, Suite 200

Spokane, WA 99201

Item 2(a). Names of Persons Filing:

Steelhead Partners, LLC (Steelhead)

James Michael Johnston

Brian Katz Klein

Steelhead Navigator Master, L.P. (Steelhead Navigator)

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

The principal business address of Steelhead, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Klein is:

333 108th Avenue NE, Suite 2010

Bellevue, WA 98004

The principal business address of Steelhead Navigator is:

c/o Citco Fund Services (Bermuda) Limited

Mintflower Place, 4th Floor, 8 Par-La-Ville Road

Hamilton HM 08, Bermuda

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Reference is made to Item 4 of pages 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Schedule 13G (this Schedule), which Items are incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Class A Common Stock, no par value per share.

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- .. (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- .. (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- .. (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- .. (d) Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).
- ý (e) An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- .. (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- ý (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- .. (h) A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- .. (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- .. (j) A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- .. (k) Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution on accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

Item 4. Ownership.

Reference is hereby made to Items 5-9 and 11 of pages 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Schedule, which Items are incorporated by reference herein.

The securities reported on this Schedule as beneficially owned by Steelhead (the Securities) are held by and for the benefit of Steelhead Navigator. Steelhead, as the investment manager of Steelhead Navigator and the sole member of Steelhead Navigator's general partner, and each of J. Michael Johnston and Brian K. Klein, as the member-managers of Steelhead, may be deemed to beneficially own the Securities held by Steelhead Navigator for the purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Act), insofar as they may be deemed to have the power to direct the voting or disposition of those Securities.

Neither the filing of this Schedule nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission that any of Steelhead, Mr. Johnston or Mr. Klein is, for any other purpose, the beneficial owner of any of the Securities, and each of Steelhead, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Klein disclaims beneficial ownership as to the Securities, except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interests therein.

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Under the definition of beneficial ownership in Rule 13d-3 under the Act, it is also possible that the individual general partners, executive officers, and members of the foregoing entities might be deemed the beneficial owners of some or all of the Securities insofar as they may be deemed to share the power to direct the voting or disposition of such Securities. Neither the filing of this Schedule nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission that any of such individuals is, for any purpose, the beneficial owner of any of the Securities, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed.

The calculation of percentage of beneficial ownership in Item 11 of pages 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Schedule was derived from the issuer's Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011, in which the issuer stated that the number of shares of its Class A and Class B common stock outstanding as of April 21, 2011 was 59,469,254 shares.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 29, 2011

STEELHEAD PARTNERS, LLC

By: /s/ James Michael Johnston

James Michael Johnston
Its Member-Manager

JAMES MICHAEL JOHNSTON

/s/ James Michael Johnston

James Michael Johnston

BRIAN KATZ KLEIN

/s/ Brian Katz Klein

Brian Katz Klein

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Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 29, 2011

STEELHEAD NAVIGATOR MASTER, L.P.

By: Steelhead Partners, LLC, its Investment Manager

By: /s/ James Michael Johnston

James Michael Johnston
Its Member-Manager

EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit A Joint Filing Undertaking

EXHIBIT A

JOINT FILING UNDERTAKING

The undersigned, being authorized thereunto, hereby execute this agreement as an exhibit to this Schedule 13G to evidence the agreement of the below-named parties, in accordance with rules promulgated pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to file this Schedule, as it may be amended, jointly on behalf of each of such parties.

Dated: April 29, 2011

STEELHEAD PARTNERS, LLC

By: /s/ James Michael Johnston

James Michael Johnston
Its Member-Manager

STEELHEAD NAVIGATOR MASTER, L.P.

By: Steelhead Partners, LLC, its Investment Manager

By: /s/ James Michael Johnston

James Michael Johnston
Its Member-Manager

JAMES MICHAEL JOHNSTON

/s/ James Michael Johnston

James Michael Johnston

BRIAN KATZ KLEIN

/s/ Brian Katz Klein

Brian Katz Klein