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GOLD RESERVE INC  
Form SC 13G  
February 08, 2007

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_) \*

Gold Reserve, Inc.  
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(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock  
-----  
(Title of Class of Securities)

38068N108  
-----  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2006

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(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.

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).

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1. Names of Reporting Persons. STEELHEAD PARTNERS, LLC  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only). 91-1740598

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

- (a) [ ]
- (b) [ ]

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3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware

|                                                  |    |                          |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Shares                                 | 5. | Sole Voting Power        | 2,101,721 |
| Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 6. | Shared Voting Power      | 0         |
|                                                  | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power   | 2,101,721 |
|                                                  | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power | 0         |

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,101,721

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [ ]

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 5.9%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA

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1. Names of Reporting Persons. JAMES MICHAEL JOHNSTON

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

|     |  |     |
|-----|--|-----|
| (a) |  | [ ] |
| (b) |  | [ ] |

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization United States

|                                                  |    |                          |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| Number of Shares                                 | 5. | Sole Voting Power        | 2,101,721 |
| Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 6. | Shared Voting Power      | 0         |
|                                                  | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power   | 2,101,721 |
|                                                  | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power | 0         |

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,101,721

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [ ]

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 5.9%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN/HC

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1. Names of Reporting Persons. BRIAN KATZ KLEIN  
 I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
- (a) [ ]  
 (b) [ ]
3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization United States
- |               |    |                          |           |
|---------------|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| Number of     | 5. | Sole Voting Power        | 2,101,721 |
| Shares        |    |                          |           |
| Beneficially  | 6. | Shared Voting Power      | 0         |
| Owned by Each |    |                          |           |
| Reporting     | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power   | 2,101,721 |
| Person With   |    |                          |           |
|               | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power | 0         |
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,101,721
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [ ]
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12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN/HC

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Item 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer: Gold Reserve Inc.
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Office: 926 West Sprague Ave., Suite 300  
 Spokane, WA 99201

Item 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing: Steelhead Partners, LLC  
 ("Steelhead")  
 James Michael Johnston  
 Brian Katz Klein
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: The business address of each reporting person is 1301 First Avenue, Suite 201, Seattle, WA 98101.
- (c) Citizenship: Reference is made to Item 4 of pages 2, 3 and 4 of this Schedule 13G (this "Schedule"), which Items are incorporated by reference herein.

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(d) Title of Class of Securities: Class A Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number: 38068N108

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).

(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);

(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);

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(j) Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership. Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

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

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 purpose, the beneficial owner of any of the securities to which this Schedule relates (the "Securities"), and Steelhead, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Klein disclaim beneficial ownership as to the Securities, except to the extent of their respective pecuniary interests therein.

Under the definition of "beneficial ownership" in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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

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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 and 4 was derived from the Issuer's Form F-10 Registration Statement Under the Securities Act of 1933 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 8, 2006, in which the Issuer stated that the number of shares of its Class A Common Shares outstanding as of May 5, 2006 was 35,373,718.

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

Not Applicable.

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

Steelhead is filing this Schedule because, as investment manager for certain accounts in which the Securities are held, Steelhead has been granted the authority to dispose of and vote those Securities. Each entity that owns an account has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of, dividend from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Securities held in the account.

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

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below the undersigned certify that, to the best of their 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.

Signature

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

Dated: February 7, 2007

STEELHEAD PARTNERS, LLC

By: /s/ James Michael Johnston

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James Michael Johnston  
Its Member-Manager

JAMES MICHAEL JOHNSTON

/s/ James Michael Johnston  
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James Michael Johnston

BRIAN KATZ KLEIN

/s/ Brian Katz Klein  
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Brian Katz Klein

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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: February 7, 2007

STEELHEAD PARTNERS, LLC

By: /s/ James Michael Johnston  
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James Michael Johnston  
Its Member Manager

JAMES MICHAEL JOHNSTON

/s/ James Michael Johnston  
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James Michael Johnston

BRIAN KATZ KLEIN

/s/ Brian Katz Klein  
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Brian Katz Klein