

GOLD RESERVE INC
Form SC 13G
September 30, 2015

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)

September 30, 2015

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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

X Rule 13d-1(b)

X 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 | |
| (2) | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) SEC Use Only | (a) £ (b) £ | |
| (3) | Citizenship or Place of Organization | Delaware | |
| (4) | NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | (5) Sole Voting Power | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| | | (6) Shared Voting Power | 0 |
| | | (7) Dispositive Power | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| | | (8) Shared Dispositive Power | 0 |
| (9) | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person | | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| (10) | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) | | |
| (11) | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) | | 12.71% |
| (12) | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) | IA | |

[1] This number does not include (i) 4,638,857 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 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 or (ii) a contingent value right held by Steelhead Navigator or any underlying securities that may be issuable by the issuer to Steelhead Navigator pursuant to the terms of the contingent value right.

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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 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | (5) | Sole Voting Power | 0 |
| | (6) | Shared Voting Power | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| | (7) | Sole Dispositive Power | 0 |
| | (8) | Shared Dispositive Power | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| (9) | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person | | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| (10) | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) | | |
| (11) | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) | | 12.71% |
| (12) | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) | | IN/HC |

[1] This number does not include (i) 4,638,857 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 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 or (ii) a contingent value right held by Steelhead Navigator or any underlying securities that may be issuable by the issuer to Steelhead Navigator pursuant to the terms of the contingent value right.

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| (1) | Names of Reporting Persons | BRIAN KATZ KLEIN | |
| (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 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | (5) | Sole Voting Power | 0 |
| | (6) | Shared Voting Power | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| | (7) | Sole Dispositive Power | 0 |
| | (8) | Shared Dispositive Power | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| (9) | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person | | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| (10) | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) | | |
| (11) | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) | | 12.71% |
| (12) | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) | IN/HC | |

[1] This number does not include (i) 4,638,857 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 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 or (ii) a contingent value right held by Steelhead Navigator or any underlying securities that may be issuable by the issuer to Steelhead Navigator pursuant to the terms of the contingent value right.

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| (1) | Names of Reporting Persons | STEELHEAD NAVIGATOR MASTER, L.P. |
| (2) | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) | (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) | SEC Use Only | |
| (4) | Citizenship or Place of Organization | Cayman Islands |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | (5) Sole Voting Power | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| | (6) Shared Voting Power | 0 |
| | (7) Dispositive Power | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| | (8) Shared Dispositive Power | 0 |
| (9) | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person | 9,667,244 ¹ |
| (10) | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) | |
| (11) | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) | 12.71% |
| (12) | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) | PN |

[1] This number does not include (i) 4,638,857 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 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 or (ii) a contingent value right held by Steelhead Navigator or any underlying securities that may be issuable by the issuer to Steelhead Navigator pursuant to the terms of the contingent value right.

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, Washington 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 office of each reporting person other than Steelhead Navigator is:

333 108th Avenue NE, Suite 2010

Bellevue, WA 98004

The principal business office of Steelhead Navigator is:

c/o Maples Corporate Services Limited

P.O. Box 309, Ugland House

Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands

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:

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).
- X (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);
- X (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)(J).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in 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 of 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.

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 individual 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 Form 6-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 14, 2015, in which the issuer stated that the number of shares of its common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2015 was 76,077,547 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.

Steelhead is the investment manager of Steelhead Navigator, which beneficially holds the Securities and, in that capacity, has been granted the authority to dispose of and vote the Securities held by Steelhead Navigator. Steelhead Navigator has the right to receive (or the power to direct the receipt of) dividends received in connection with ownership of the Securities and the proceeds from the sale of the Securities.

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.

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: September 30, 2015 STEELHEAD PARTNERS, LLC

By: /s/ Brent E. Binge

Brent E. Binge, General Counsel

JAMES MICHAEL JOHNSTON

/s/ Brent E. Binge

Brent E. Binge, Attorney-In-Fact for James Michael Johnston

BRIAN KATZ KLEIN

/s/ Brent E. Binge

Brent E. Binge, Attorney-In-Fact for Brian Katz Klein

STEELHEAD NAVIGATOR MASTER, L.P.

By: Steelhead Partners, LLC, its Investment Manager

By: /s/ Brent E. Binge

Brent E. Binge, General Counsel

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.

STEELHEAD PARTNERS, LLC

By: /s/ Brent E. Binge

Dated: September 30, 2015

Brent E. Binge, General Counsel

STEELHEAD NAVIGATOR MASTER, L.P.

By: Steelhead Partners, LLC, its Investment Manager

By: /s/ Brent E. Binge

Brent E. Binge, General Counsel

JAMES MICHAEL JOHNSTON

/s/ Brent E. Binge

Brent E. Binge, Attorney-In-Fact for James Michael Johnston

BRIAN KATZ KLEIN

/s/ Brent E. Binge

Brent E. Binge, Attorney-In-Fact for Brian Katz Klein