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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Amendment No. 5)

GOLD RESERVE INC.

(Name of Issuer)

CLASS A COMMON STOCK, NO PAR VALUE

(Title of Class of Securities)

38068N108

(CUSIP Number)

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May 1, 2006

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Strongbow Capital, Ltd.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

None

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) "

(b) x 3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Number of	•	man Islands, British West Indies SOLE VOTING POWER
Shares		
Beneficially		0
Owned by	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
Each		
Reporting		2,017,700
Person	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
With		

0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,017,700

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,017,700

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.8% 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Strongbow Capital Management, Ltd.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

None

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Number of	•	man Islands, British West Indies SOLE VOTING POWER
Shares		
Beneficially		0
Owned by	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
Each		
Reporting		2,017,700
Person	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Kappa Alpha Ltd.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

None

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Isle of Man Number of 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

Shares

Beneficially 60,000 Owned by 8 SHARED VOTING POWER Each Reporting 0 Person 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER With

60,000

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

60,000

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.2% 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Sky Hill Limited

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

None

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Isle of Man Number of 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

Shares

Beneficially		50,000
Owned by	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
Each		
Reporting		0
Person	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
With		

50,000

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

50,000

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.1% 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Raymond A.D. French

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

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	-	ublic of Ireland SOLE VOTING POWER
Shares		
Beneficially		0
Owned by	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
Each		
Reporting		2,017,700
Person	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
With	/	

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10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,017,700

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,017,700

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.8% 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Alys G.C. French

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

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		ublic of Ireland SOLE VOTING POWER
Shares		
Beneficially		0
Owned by	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
Each		
Reporting		25,875
Person	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
With		

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10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

25,875

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

25,875

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Raymond J.R. French

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

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		ublic of Ireland SOLE VOTING POWER
Shares		
Beneficially		0
Owned by	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
Each		
Reporting		25,875
Person	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
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This Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13D (the Schedule 13D) is filed on May 1, 2006 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) by Strongbow Capital, Ltd., Strongbow Capital Management, Ltd., Sky Hill Limited, Kappa Alpha Ltd., Raymond A.D. French, Raymond J.R. French and Alys G.C. French.

Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13D is filed with respect to the Class A common stock no par value (Common Stock) of Gold Reserve Inc., a Yukon Territory (Canada) corporation (Gold Reserve or the Company). The principal offices of Gold Reserve are located 926 West Sprague Avenue, Suite 200, Spokane, Washington 92201.

Item 2. Identity and Background

This Statement is filed on behalf of Strongbow Capital, Ltd., Strongbow Capital Management, Ltd., Sky Hill Limited, Kappa Alpha Ltd., Raymond A.D. French, Raymond J.R. French and Alys G.C. French, who are referred to as the Filing Parties .

Items 2(a)-(c), (f)

I. Filing Parties

1. Strongbow Capital, Ltd. (Strongbow) is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, British West Indies with its principal office and business at Queensgate House, South Church Street, P.O. Box 1234GT, Cayman Islands, British West Indies. Strongbow is an investor in equity securities, and it is managed by its Board of Directors.

2. Strongbow Capital Management, Ltd. (SCM) is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, British West Indies with its principal office and business at Queensgate House, South Church Street, P.O. Box 1234GT, Cayman Islands, British West Indies. SCM acts as an investment manager to Strongbow. SCM is the sole owner of the voting shares of Strongbow and is the controlling entity of Strongbow.

3. Kappa Alpha Ltd. (Kappa) is a corporation organized under the laws of the Isle of Man with its principal office and business at International House, Victoria Road, Douglas, Isle of Man IM2 4RB. Kappa is an investment company specializing in undervalued shares.

4. Sky Hill Limited (Sky Hill) is a corporation organized under the laws of the Isle of Man with its principal office and business at Ballacoyne, Cammall, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man IM6 1AU.

5. Raymond A.D. French is a citizen of the Republic of Ireland whose address is Delaporte Point TH3, Box CB 13016, Nassau, Bahamas. Mr. French is a company director and is the controlling person of SCM. Mr. French s email address is: rayfrench@strongbow-capital.com.

6. Raymond J.R. French is a citizen of the Republic of Ireland whose occupation is company director. His address is Ballacoyne, Cammall, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man IM6 1AU.

7. Alys G. C. French is a citizen of the Republic of Ireland whose occupation is homemaker. Her address is Ballacoyne, Cammall, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man IM6 1AU.

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II. Executive Officers and Directors.

Strongbow has no executive officers. The names, present principal occupations and business addresses of the directors of Strongbow are set forth below.

Name Raymond A.D.	Occupation Company Director	Address Delaporte Point TH3	Citizenship Republic of Ireland
French		Box CB13016	
		Nassau	
		Bahamas	
Raymond J.R.	Company Director	Ballacoyne	Republic of Ireland
French		Cammall	
		Kirk Michael	

Isle Of Man IM6 1AU

SCM has no executive officers. The names, present principal occupations and business addresses of the directors of SCM are set forth below.

Name Raymond A.D.	Occupation Company Director	Address Delaporte Point TH3	Citizenship Republic of Ireland
French		Box CB13016	
		Nassau	
		Bahamas.	
Raymond J.R.	Company Director	Ballacoyne	Republic of Ireland
French		Cammall	
		Kirk Michael	

Isle Of Man IM6 1AU

Sky Hill has no executive officers. The names, present principal occupations and business addresses of the directors of Sky Hill are set forth below.

Name Raymond J.R. Occupation Company Director Address Ballacoyne, **Citizenship** Republic of Ireland

Cammall

Kirk Michael

French

		Isle Of Man IM6 1AU	
Alys G. C.	Homemaker	Ballacoyne,	Republic of Ireland
French		Cammall	
		Kirk Michael	
		Isle Of Man IM6 1AU	
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Kappa has no executive officers. The names, present principal occupations and business addresses of the directors of Kappa are set forth below.

Name Raymond J.R.	Occupation Company Director	Address Ballacoyne	Citizenship Republic of Ireland
French		Cammall	
		Kirk Michael	
Elaine Higgins	Company Director	Isle Of Man IM6 1AU International House	United Kingdom
		Victoria Road	
		Douglas	
		Isle of Man IM2 4RB	
Diane Palmer	Company Director	International House	United Kingdom
		Victoria Road	
		Douglas	
Items 2(d). Criminal Proceedings		Isle of Man IM2 4RB	

During the last five years, neither the Filing Parties (or a controlling entity thereof) nor any executive officer or director of the Filing Parties (or a controlling entity thereof) has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

Item 2(e) Civil Securities Law Proceedings

During the last five years, neither the Filing Parties (or a controlling entity thereof) nor any executive officer or director of any of the Filing Parties (or a controlling entity thereof) has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Each of the filing parties used working capital to fund their purchases of shares of Common Stock except for Raymond J.R. French and Alys G.C. French who have used personal funds.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The Filing Parties now own a total of 2,153,575 shares, or 6.2% of the Company s total outstanding Common Stock.

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The Filing Parties acquired the shares of the Company s Common Stock owned by them for investment purposes. The Filing Parties may in the future take such action with respect to their investment in the Company s Common Stock as they deem appropriate including, without limitation, purchasing additional shares of the Company s Common Stock or selling some or all of the shares of the Company s Common Stock owned by them.

In April 2006 the Filing Parties obtained a third-party appraisal (valuation) report assessing the market value of the Company s Las Brisas mining property. The appraisal report included analyses of the economics of various stand-alone Las Brisas mine scenarios and analyses of a potential Las Brisas-Las Cristinas combined pit mine scenario. The appraisal report was conducted by Mr. Trevor Ellis of Ellis International Services, Inc. Mr. Ellis is a Certified Minerals Appraiser with over 30 years experience in the mining industry. He is a former president of the American Institute of Minerals Appraisers and is the Chairman of the Extractive Industries Task Force for the International Valuation Standards Committee (IVSC), London. He represents the IVSC on Minerals and Petroleum matters at the United Nations (UN). He led the development of the Valuation Standards for Minerals and Petroleum, first published in the 2005 edition of the International Valuation Standards book published by the IVSC.

Based on the Company s stock price (US\$7.72) on April 13, 2006 (the date on which the Filing Parties filed an amendment to their Schedule 13D disclosing the appraisal report), and based on a total of 42,152,151 fully diluted share and share equivalents, the stock market was assigning the Company an Equity capitalization of US\$325,414,606 on a fully diluted basis at that date. Further, at 30 March 2006, the Company had Cash and cash equivalents and Marketable securities of approximately US\$22,000,000. In addition, on fully diluted basis, the Company s options and warrants would provide the Company with an estimated additional US\$19,230,761 upon exercise. Therefore, assuming that the stock market was assigning the Company an Entity value equal to the value of the Company s Las Brisas concessions and its sub-lease on Choco 5*, then the stock market was valuing the Company s interests in those properties at a total of US\$284,183,845 on April 13, 2006. Based in part on the appraisal report, the Filing Parties believe that the underlying value of the Company s interests in those properties is substantially greater than this amount.