

# Updated Briefing and Discovery Schedule for CITGO Sale Hearing

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[Gold Reserve Ltd.](#) (TSX.V: GRZ) (OTCQX: GDRZF) ("Gold Reserve" or the "Company") announces that the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") issued an order adopting the following revised schedule for briefing and discovery deadlines proposed by the Special Master given the expiration of the Topping Period on June 18, 2025 and rescheduled start date for the Sale Hearing to August 18, 2025, as previously announced here.

| Event  | Deadline  |
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| Deadline for the Special Master to submit his Final Recommendation   | July 2    |
| Deadline to serve written discovery on the party (or parties) whose bid is selected as the Final Recommendation  | July 7    |
| Opening expert reports due   | July 7    |
| Deadline for the filing of any objections to the Special Master's Final Recommendation   | July 9    |
| Deadline for any Competing Objector to disclose its own bid materials (such materials to be commensurate with those disclosed by the Special Master of the recommended bid)  | July 9    |
| Deadline to serve written discovery on a Competing Objector  | July 11   |
| Deadline to serve responses and objections for discovery requests served after the Final Recommendation  | July 15   |
| Deadline to meet and confer regarding the scope of discovery to be produced in response to discovery requests served after submission of the Final Recommendation  | July 16   |
| Deadline to serve witness disclosures pursuant to FRCP 26(a)(3)  | July 18   |
| Deadline to notice witness depositions   | July 21   |
| Deadline to serve responsive expert reports  | July 21   |
| Deadline to complete document productions in response to discovery requests served before the submission of the Final Recommendation and substantially complete document productions in response to discovery requests served after the submission of the Final Recommendation | July 22   |
| Deadline to serve reply expert reports, if any   | July 25   |
| Conclusion of the discovery period   | July 31   |
| Deadline for the filing of responses to objections to the Special Master's Final Recommendation  | August 1  |
| Deadline for the filing of replies regarding any objections to the Special Master's Final Recommendation   | August 8  |
| Deadline for the filing of sur-replies to replies regarding any objections to the Special Master's Final Recommendation (only to the extent new arguments are raised in reply briefing)  | August 12 |
| Deadline for the Special Master to submit Joint Status Report  | August 13 |
| Deadline to disclose exhibits pursuant to FRCP 26(a)(3)  | August 13 |
| Deadline to serve objections to FRCP 26(a)(3) exhibit disclosures  |           |





## Commencement of the Sale Hearing

August 18

A copy of the Court's complete order can be found [here](#).

A complete description of the Delaware sale proceedings can be found on the Public Access to Court Electronic Records system in [Crystallex International Corp. v. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela](#), 1:17-mc-00151-LPS (D. Del.) and its related proceedings.

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