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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of January 2009

CGG-Veritas

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**CGGVeritas Provides Vessel Utilization
Update for the Fourth Quarter 2008**

PARIS, France January 1st 2009

CGGVeritas (ISIN: 0000120164 NYSE: CGV) provides its vessel utilization and its fleet allocation updates for the fourth quarter of 2008.

Vessel utilization for the fourth quarter 2008:

§ The **vessel availability rate**¹ was **91%**, this compares to a 98% availability rate sequentially and an 85% rate in the fourth quarter 2007.

§ The **vessel production rate**² was **89%**, this compares to a 90% production rate sequentially and an 89% rate in the fourth quarter 2007.

During the second half of 2008, **the vessel availability and production rates** were respectively 94% and 90%, in line with expectations.

Fleet allocation update for the fourth quarter 2008:

During the fourth quarter of 2008, our 3D vessels were allocated 80% to contract and 20% to multi-client programs, a decrease in multi-client investment this quarter, as planned.

Moreover, good sales of multi-client offshore Brazil and wide azimuth contrasted with lower library sales of narrow azimuth data in the Gulf of Mexico.

¹ - The *vessel availability rate*, a metric measuring the structural availability of our vessels to meet demand; this metric is related to the entire fleet, and corresponds to the total vessel time reduced by the sum of the shipyard time and the steaming time (the available time), all divided by total vessel time;

² - The *vessel production rate*, a metric measuring the effective utilization of the vessels once available; this

metric is related to the entire fleet, and corresponds to the available time reduced by the operational downtime, all then divided by available time.

About CGGVeritas

CGGVeritas (www.cggveritas.com) is a leading international pure-play geophysical company delivering a wide range of technologies, services and equipment through Sercel, to its broad base of customers mainly throughout the global oil and gas industry. CGGVeritas is listed on the Euronext Paris (ISIN: 0000120164) and the New York Stock Exchange (in the form of American Depositary Shares, NYSE: CGV).

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Compagnie Générale de Géophysique Veritas has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 13th, 2009

By /s/ Gerard CHAMBOVET
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