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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of February 2012

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CGGVeritas Announces Federal Circuit Court Affirmed Texas District Court Judgment on the Patent Lawsuit

PARIS, France February 22 2012

CGGVeritas (ISIN: 0000120164 NYSE: CGV) announced today that on February 17 2012, the United States Federal Circuit Court of Appeals simply affirmed the judgment of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas dated February 16, 2011 with regards to the lawsuit between Sercel and Ion Geophysical (« ION ») on the US patent N°5 852 242.

An injunction that exclusively covers the Sercel digital sensor DSU technology and is limited to the territory of the United States will remain in effect until the patent expires in December 2015.

The injunction does not restrict the right of Sercel or its customers to use, manufacture, sell or deliver the DSU and SeaRay products anywhere else in the world. It also does not cover the Sercel 408UL and 428XL recording systems; these recording systems can continue to be made, sold, and used in the United States.

In addition, under the injunction, Sercel can continue to offer for sale, promote and market DSUs and SeaRays as long as the manufacture, sale and delivery of the DSUs and SeaRays occur outside the United States.

An amount of \$13 million will be included in Sercel Q4 2011 results to cover the \$10.7 million amount plus pre- and post-judgment interest to be paid to ION. The parties will return to trial court to determine the amount of additional damages related to Sercel SeaRays systems manufactured in Houston.

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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SIGNATURES

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 February 22th, 2012

By /s/ Stéphane-Paul FRYDMAN
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CFO

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