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## FORM 6-K

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of**

**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of January 2012**

## CGG-Veritas

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**CGGVeritas Provides its Vessel Utilization**

**Update for the Fourth Quarter 2011**

PARIS, France January 19 2012

CGGVeritas (ISIN: 0000120164 NYSE: CGV) provides its vessel utilization and fleet allocation updates for the fourth quarter of 2011.

**Vessel utilization for the fourth quarter 2011:**

• The **vessel availability rate**<sup>1</sup> was **81%** including 6% associated with the on-going upgrade of the Champion as part of our performance plan and higher transit times this quarter. This compares to a 91% availability rate in the third quarter of 2011 and a 84% rate in the fourth quarter of 2010. The vessel availability rate for the second half of 2011 as well as for the full year 2011 was 86%.

• The **vessel production rate**<sup>2</sup> was **87%**. This compares to a 93% production rate in the third quarter of 2011 and a 92% rate in the fourth quarter of 2010. The vessel production rate was 86% for the full year 2011 strengthening to 90% in the second half based on the early impact of our performance plan.

**Fleet allocation update for the fourth quarter 2011:**

During the fourth quarter of 2011, our 3D vessels were allocated 85% to contract and 15% to multi-client programs.

**Multi-client sales for the fourth quarter 2011:**

Strong multi-client sales were recorded during the quarter, including in deep water of the Gulf of Mexico.

**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).*

<sup>1</sup> 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 standby time, of the shipyard time and the steaming time (the available time), all divided by total vessel time;

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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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 January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

By /s/ Stéphane-Paul FRYDMAN  
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