

GENERAL GEOPHYSICS CO

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

For the month of March, 2004

# GENERAL COMPANY OF GEOPHYSICS

(translation of registrant's name into English)

1, rue Léon Migaux, 91341 MASSY FRANCE (address of principal executive offices)

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**COMPAGNIE GENERALE DE GEOPHYSIQUE**

**Sercel continues its expansion and acquires  
two technology companies**

PARIS, March 4, 2004

**Compagnie Générale de Géophysique** (ISIN : FR0000120164 NYSE : GGY) announces today that its wholly-owned subsidiary Sercel has acquired two French technology companies through private transactions.

In February, Sercel acquired Orca Instrumentation. Located in Brest, France, the company develops and markets marine instrumentation and underwater data transmission systems. Orca Instrumentation employs 15 people.

In addition, Sercel has just completed the acquisition of Createch Industrie, specialized in borehole measurement tools, borehole seismic tools and permanent borehole sensors. The company is headquartered in the Paris area and employs 19 people.

Through these acquisitions, Sercel is continuing its expansion while strengthening its position in two growing areas: sea-floor seismic systems and borehole seismic tools.

The information included herein contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the securities act of 1933 and section 21<sup>E</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements reflect numerous assumptions and involve a number of risks and uncertainties as disclosed by the Company from time to time in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Actual results may vary materially.

The Compagnie Générale de Géophysique group is a global participant in the oilfield services industry, providing a wide range of seismic data acquisition, processing and geoscience services and software to clients in the oil and gas exploration and production business. It is also a global manufacturer of geophysical equipment.

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SIGNATURES

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

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Date : March 4th 2004

By Senior Executive Vice President,  
Geophysical Services  
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