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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 2010
CGG-Veritas

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**CGGVeritas Announces Sercel to
Request Court Overturn Jury Verdict**

PARIS, France February 4, 2010

CGGVeritas (ISIN : 0000120164 NYSE : CGV) announced today that a Texarkana jury found that its subsidiary Sercel Inc. infringed on United States Patent No. 5,852,242 and that ION Geophysical Corporation is entitled to \$25.2 million in lost profits.

Sercel will ask the Court to overturn the jury's finding on several grounds, including ION's failure to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the patent was infringed by Sercel and the invalidity of the patent due to ION's failure to disclose in the patent the best way of making the invention. The Court has asked the parties to brief these issues by April 2010, and Sercel does not expect any further action from the Court until this briefing is completed. The Court had previously found the product claims of the patent invalid, and one of the claims for a method of manufacturing not infringed.

With respect to ION's claims that the VectorSeis® technology is covered by United States Patent No. 5,852,242, this issue was not resolved and continues to be a deeply contested issue.

VectorSeis® is a registered trademark of ION Geophysical Corporation.

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 4th, 2010

By /s/Gerard CHAMBOVET
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