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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 January 2011

CGG-Veritas

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Yes ☐ No ☐

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**CGGVeritas Provides its Vessel Utilization
Update for the Fourth Quarter 2010**

PARIS, France January 1st 2010

CGGVeritas (ISIN: 0000120164 NYSE: CGV) provides its vessel utilization and its fleet allocation updates for the fourth quarter of 2010.

Vessel utilization for the fourth quarter 2010:

The **vessel availability rate** was **84%** including the planned shipyard of the Master. This compares to a 87% availability rate in the third quarter of 2010 and a 86% rate in the fourth quarter of 2009. The vessel availability rate for the full year 2010 was 88%.

The **vessel production rate** was **92%**. This compares to a 87% production rate in the third quarter of 2010 and a 83% rate in the fourth quarter of 2009. The vessel production rate for the full year 2010 was 91%.

Fleet allocation update for the fourth quarter 2010:

During the fourth quarter of 2010, our 3D vessels were allocated 91% to contract and 9% to multi-client programs.

Multi-client sales for the fourth quarter 2010:

Strong multi-client sales were recorded during the quarter, including in 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).

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- 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 standby time between contracts, 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.

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The information included herein contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the securities act of 1933 and section 21E 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.

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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 11th, 2011

By /s/ Gerard CHAMBOVET
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EVP General Secretary

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