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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 October 2009
CGG-Veritas

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Yes ☐ No ☒

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**CGGVeritas Provides Vessel Utilization
Update for the Third Quarter 2009**

PARIS, France October 8 2009

CGGVeritas (ISIN: 0000120164 NYSE: CGV) provides its vessel utilization and its fleet allocation updates for the third quarter of 2009.

Vessel utilization for the third quarter 2009:

The following vessel utilization rates for the third quarter 2009 do not take into account the Harmattan, the Fohn and the Orion, three 3D vessels which were decommissioned during the second and the third quarters as part of our marine capacity adjustment program.

§ The **vessel availability rate¹ was 90%**, including a 7% impact related to standby between contracts. This compares to an 89% availability rate in the second quarter 2009 and a 98% rate in the third quarter 2008.

§ The **vessel production rate² was 93%**. This compares to an 88% production rate in the second quarter 2009 and a 90% rate in the third quarter 2008.

Fleet allocation update for the third quarter 2009:

During the third quarter of 2009, our 3D vessels were allocated 86% to contract and 14% to multi-client programs, a decrease in multi-client investment in 2009, as planned.

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 SA (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 sum of the standby time, of 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.

THIS FORM 6-K REPORT IS HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THE PROSPECTUS CONTAINED IN CGG VERITAS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8 (REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 333-150384) AND SHALL BE A PART THEREOF FROM THE DATE ON WHICH THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED, TO THE EXTENT NOT SUPERSEDED BY DOCUMENTS OR REPORTS SUBSEQUENTLY FILED OR FURNISHED.

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 : October 8th, 2009

By /s/ Gerard CHAMBOVET
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