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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 July 2012

CGG-Veritas

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CGGVeritas Announces Strategic Alliance

with SMNG for Marine Acquisition

Paris July 23, 2012

CGGVeritas announced today the signature of a framework agreement with JSC SEVMORNEFTEGEOFIZIKA (SMNG) to form a strategic alliance. Together, CGGVeritas and SMNG intend to jointly address the growing Russian and CIS high-end seismic vessels market and coordinate their complementary capacities worldwide.

SMNG is the largest marine geophysical company in Russia and the CIS and provides a wide range of marine geophysical services worldwide, including 2D/3D marine seismic acquisition, navigation and positioning services, seismic data processing and integrated interpretation of seismic data.

Jean-Georges Malcor, CEO, CGGVeritas, said: *At a time when seismic Russian and CIS exploration is becoming increasingly important, we are very pleased to sign this strategic alliance with SMNG, the leading marine geophysical company in Russia and the CIS. It creates a solid foundation for future growth in the region.*

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 July 23rd, 2012

By /s/ Stéphane-Paul FRYDMAN
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