



CGGVeritas Provides Vessel Utilization Update for the Third Quarter 2009

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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.

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.

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