



Issuance by CGGVeritas of Bonds Convertible into and/or Exchangeable for New or Existing shares (OCEANES)

Exercise of the over-allotment option : amount of the issue increased to €360 million

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CGGVeritas (ISIN: FR0000120164 – NYSE: CGV) launched on 13 November 2012 an issuance of bonds convertible into and/or exchangeable for new or existing shares (“**OCEANES**”) due 1st January 2019 (the “**Bonds**”).

The Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners of the issuance of the Bonds have informed CGGVeritas that they are exercising in full the over-allotment option granted to them.

As a result, the aggregate principal amount will be increased to approximately €360 million.

Furthermore, one of the Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners, as stabilising manager, has informed CGGVeritas that no stabilisation has been carried out during the stabilisation period, which began on 13 November 2012 and ended today.

The expected date of issue and settlement and delivery of the Bonds is 20 November 2012.

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 regulated market of NYSE Euronext in Paris (ISIN: 0000120164) and the New York Stock Exchange (in the form of American Depositary Shares, NYSE: CGV).

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*A prospectus (the “**Prospectus**”), consisting of the Company's reference document filed with the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (“**AMF**”) on 20 April 2012 under number D.12-0379 (the “**Document de Référence**”), the reference document updates filed with the AMF on 25 September 2012 under number D.12-0379-A01 and on 12 November 2012 under number D.12-0379-A02, a securities note and a Prospectus summary (included in the securities note), was approved by the AMF under visa n°12-542 on 13 November 2012. Copies of the Prospectus are available at the registered office of the Company, on the website of the Company (www.cggveritas.com) and on the website of the AMF (www.amf-france.org). CGGVeritas draws investors’ attention to the risk factors describing the Company, its industry and the Acquisition, included in chapter 3 of the Document de Référence and its updates, and section 2 of the securities note.*

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European Economic Area

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- (b) to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive); or*
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive.*

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