



**CGGVeritas Announces the Launch of its Mandatory Offer
for all Remaining Wavefield Shares
for an Offer Price of NOK 15.17 per Share**

**The Offer will be Open
from December 30, 2008 until January 27, 2009**

Paris, December 30, 2008 - CGGVeritas (ISIN: 0000120164 – NYSE: CGV) announced today that it launched a mandatory offer (the "Offer") for the 38,903,024 shares of Wavefield Inseis ("Wavefield") (OSE: WAVE) (representing 30.1% of the share capital) that it does not own, as well as the 2,892,875 shares that might be created following the exercise of the existing stock options.

CGGVeritas has received formal approval of its Offer document (the "Offer Document") from the Oslo Stock Exchange pursuant to Chapter 6 of the Norwegian Securities Trading Act.

The Offer will be open from Tuesday, December 30, 2008 until Tuesday, January 27, 2009, 5:30 pm (CET).

The Offer price, calculated pursuant to section 6-10 of the Norwegian Securities Trading Act, is NOK 15.17 for each Wavefield share, and will be paid in cash.

The Offer Document, as approved by the Oslo Stock Exchange, is available on the CGGVeritas website (www.cggveritas.com).

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

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The Offer is made for the shares of Wavefield, a company organized under the laws of the Kingdom of Norway, and is subject to the laws of the Kingdom of Norway. The Offer is being made in reliance on the exemption from certain requirements of Regulation 14E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 provided by Rule 14d-1(c) thereunder. The Offer is subject to disclosure requirements and takeover laws and regulations of the Kingdom of Norway that may be quite different from those of the United States. The financial statements of Wavefield included in the Offer Document, have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are not comparable to the financial statements of United States companies. It may be difficult for investors to enforce their rights and any claim they may have arising under U.S. securities laws, since the Company is located in a foreign country, and some or all of its officers and directors may be residents of a foreign country. Investors may not be able to sue a foreign company or its officers or directors in a foreign court for violations of the U.S. securities laws. It may be difficult to compel a foreign company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a U.S. court's judgment. Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) nor the securities commission of any state in the United States has approved or disapproved of the Offer, passed upon the merits or fairness of the Offer or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of the disclosure in the Offer Document. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.