

GENERAL GEOPHYSICS CO

Form 6-K

December 13, 2006

**FORM 6-K**  
**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 December, 2006

**GENERAL COMPANY OF GEOPHYSICS**

(translation of registrant's name into English)

1, rue Leon Migaux, 91341 MASSY FRANCE (address of principal executive offices)

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**COMPAGNIE GENERALE DE GEOPHYSIQUE**

(ISIN : 0000120164 NYSE : GGY)

Paris, December 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2006

**A new high capacity 3D vessel for 2009**

CGG is pleased to announce the signature of a non binding Letter of Intent with Arrow Seismic ASA, a 54 % owned subsidiary of GC Rieber Shipping ASA and Rieber Shipping Ltd, for a state-of-the-art 12 streamers seismic new built vessel to be delivered April 2009.

This project is part of the CGG group's long term planning of fleet renewal and upgrade in a context of increasing market demand for high capacity seismic vessels.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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Date : December 13th, 2006

/s/ GERARD CHAMBOVET  
Gerard Chambovet  
By Senior Executive Vice President  
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