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Sercel acquires Sodera

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CGG announces today that Sercel has acquired in a private transaction all the shares in Sodera S.A., a company based in Toulon, France. Sercel has acquired simultaneously most assets of Seismic Systems Inc, SODERA's sister company located in Houston, Texas.

SODERA is a leading provider of airgun sources used mainly in seismic data acquisition. In 2002, SODERA and Seismic Inc reported around 4 MUSD of revenues.

Sercel, a wholly owned CGG subsidiary, is the industry leader in seismic acquisition equipment.

The information included herein contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the securities act of 1933 and section 21^E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements reflect numerous assumptions and involve a number of risks and uncertainties as disclosed by the Company from time to time in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Actual results may vary materially.

The Compagnie Générale de Géophysique group is a global participant in the oilfield services industry, providing a wide range of seismic data acquisition, processing and geoscience services and software to clients in the oil and gas exploration and production business. It is also a global manufacturer of geophysical equipment.

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