

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

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UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of November 2006

Commission File Number: 001-15248

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Paris, October 31, 2006

PRESS RELEASE

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ⁽¹⁾ FOR THE FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 2006 (Unaudited IFRS data)

Confirmation of strong growth in revenue and income:
Revenue up 12.4%
Recurring operating income up 16.7%

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

At September 30, 2006 (€m)	At September 30, 2005 adjusted ⁽²⁾ (€m)	% change 2006/2005	Of which internal growth	Of which external growth	Of which exchange rate fluctuation
20,657.1	18,380.7	+12.4%	+8.4%	+3.7%	+0.3%

The Group's consolidated revenue rose by 12.4% to €20,657.1 million versus €18,380.7 million at September 30, 2005. Internal growth was 8.4% . External growth of 3.7% was primarily driven by the acquisitions made by Veolia Transport in the United States as well as by Veolia Water in the Solutions and Technologies business.

Revenue generated outside France totaled €10,890.8 million, or 52.7% of total revenue.

The impact of exchange rate fluctuations was limited, contributing only 0.3% to revenue (€57.2 million).

WATER

At September 30, 2006 (€m)	At September 30, 2005 adjusted ⁽²⁾ (€m)	% change 2006/2005	Of which internal growth	Of which external growth	Of which exchange rate fluctuation
7,331.0	6,662.8	+10.0%	+7.7%	+1.9%	+0.4%

In **France**, the water business (works/engineering and distribution) achieved 3.8% growth, excluding Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies.

(1) Revenue from ordinary activities

(2) The accounts to September 30, 2005 have been restated for application of draft interpretations D12, D13 and D14 on concession accounting to ensure comparability of the 2005 and 2006 periods.

Outside France, excluding Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies, revenue rose 11.5% (up 8.7% on a like-for-like basis). In Europe, the 8.2% growth was driven by the launch of new contracts, in particular in Germany (contract for the city of Braunschweig's wastewater services) and in the Czech Republic (Hradec Kralove and Prostějov). In the Asia-Pacific region, the strong growth in revenue of 30.8% (internal growth of 18.3%), was primarily driven by the start-up of new contracts in China (Hohhot, Changzhou and Kunming in the municipal field). The increased stake in the Adelaide contract in Australia and small acquisitions in Japan account for external growth in the region. In Africa and in the Middle East, 10.9% growth was recorded. In North America, revenue increased 12.1%.

Veolia Water Solutions and Technologies achieved an 18.7% increase in revenue on a like-for-like basis, led in particular by the strength of the Design-Build business in France, in the Middle East and in the United States. Taking into account the acquisitions made over the period, total growth was 27.7%.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

At September 30, 2006 (€m)	At September 30, 2005 adjusted ⁽¹⁾ (€m)	% change 2006/2005	Of which internal growth	Of which external growth	Of which exchange rate fluctuation
5,361.7	4,914.3	+9.1%	+8.2%	+0.7%	+0.2%

In **France**, revenue rose 4.8% (including 4.4% internal growth) under the dual effect of the larger contribution from new incineration plants and increased tonnages of treated solid waste within the framework of high value-added service contracts.

Outside France, internal growth totaled 11.3%. Growth was particularly strong in the United States across all business lines, increasing 15.3%. In the United Kingdom, total growth was 12.7%, including 6.9% internal growth. The acquisition of Cleanaway UK, which was concluded on September 28, 2006, will contribute to results beginning in the fourth quarter of the year.

ENERGY SERVICES

At September 30, 2006 (€m)	At September 30, 2005 adjusted ⁽¹⁾ (€m)	% change 2006/2005	Of which internal growth	Of which external growth	Of which exchange rate fluctuation
4,249.4	3,669.3	+15.8%	+13.6%	+1.6%	+0.6%

The Energy Services business achieved total growth of 15.8%, including 13.6% internal growth. The impact on revenue of the rise in energy prices was €226 million. Excluding this effect, revenue increased 9.7%.

In **France**, 10.5% internal growth resulted primarily from the rise in energy prices and, to a lesser extent, the positive impact of weather conditions, the coming on stream of new contracts and the increase in business at engineering subsidiaries.

Outside France, revenue increased 23.0%, with internal growth up 18.4%. This increase was mainly driven by the full impact of the Lodz contract in Poland, positive weather conditions and favorable prices in Central Europe and a small acquisition in Italy.

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TRANSPORT

At September 30, 2006 (€m)	At September 30, 2005 adjusted ⁽¹⁾ (€m)	% change 2006/2005	Of which internal growth	Of which external growth	Of which exchange rate fluctuation
3,715.0	3,134.3	+18.5%	+4.1%	+14.5%	-0.1%

In **France**, revenue increased 11.4%, driven by the contribution from the SNCM contract. The conclusion of the Toulouse contract was offset by new urban and inter-city contracts and by the good performance achieved across the rest of the business.

Outside France, revenue was up 23.5%, including internal growth of 7.2% . External growth resulted primarily from acquisitions made in the United States (ATC and Shuttleport) and in Norway (Helgelandske).

Recurring operating income grew 16.7% at current exchange rates (+15.9% at constant exchange rates). It increased to €1,551.2 million at September 30, 2006 compared with the adjusted⁽¹⁾ recurring operating income of €1,329.4 at September 30, 2005.

This strong performance resulted from the continued maturity of contracts, the favorable impact of the efficiency program and accelerated growth.

Free cash flow generated during the first nine months financed the Group's growth, with the exception of the acquisition in the Waste Management sector of Cleanaway UK, which concluded on September 28, 2006. This transaction primarily explains the increase in net financial debt at September 30, 2006 that stood at €14.8 billion compared with €13.9 billion at December 31, 2005 and €13.8 billion at June 30, 2006.

The very strong results achieved by Veolia Environnement during the first nine months of 2006 **allow the company to confirm its full-year growth and profitability objectives.**

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***A conference-call will be held on October 31, 2006 at 8.30 AM
(CET)***

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Appendix I

Revenue from ordinary activities at September 30, 2005 reported and after early adoption of draft interpretations D12, D13 and D14

In €m	At September 30, 2005	
	Reported	D12
Veolia Water	6,521.5	6,662.8
Veolia Environmental Services (waste management)	4,824.6	4,914.3
Veolia Energy	3,628.5	3,669.3
Veolia Transport	3,136.5	3,134.3
Veolia Environnement	18,111.1	18,380.7

Appendix II

Operating income at September 30, 2005 reported and after early adoption of draft interpretations D12, D13 and D14

In €m	At September 30, 2005	
	Reported	D12
Operating income	1,321.3	1,329.3
Recurring operating income	1,321.4	1,329.4

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.

Dated: November 7, 2006

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

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