

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT
Form 6-K
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Washington, D.C. 20549**
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FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
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For the month of April 2006

Commission File Number: 001-15248

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

36-38, avenue Kléber
75116 Paris, France
(Address of principal executive offices)

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PRESS RELEASE

Veolia Water wins contract in Bahrain to build world's largest multiple effect distillation desalination plant

Paris, April 12, 2006. Veolia Water, the Water Division of Veolia Environnement, has been awarded the contract for the turnkey supply of a new seawater desalination plant in Bahrain. The contract, worth USD 336 million (i.e. about € 275 million), was won following an international call for tenders. Start-up of the plant will take place from April 2007, with the first two units, till November 2007.

The plant will have a drinking water production capacity of 273,000 cubic meters per day, making it the largest desalination plant in the world using the thermal process known as "multiple effect distillation" (MED). Sidem, a subsidiary of Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies, is the world leader in MED, with more than 370 units built so far.

MED is based on the evaporation and condensation of seawater in a series of chambers under vacuum. When water is evaporated in the chambers, the salt content is separated out. The Bahrain plant will be combined with Al Hidd power plant, from which it will recover the low pressure steam to feed the 10 desalination units. Each unit has the capacity to produce 27,300 cubic meters per day of drinking water.

"The new desalination plant in Bahrain is a decisive step for Veolia Water in the recognition of its expertise in thermal desalination using multiple effect distillation, a process in which it is world leader. The contract also strengthens Veolia Water's position as a major player in the design and construction of desalination plants and processes in the Middle East for both thermal and reverse osmosis technologies," said Antoine Frérot, Chief Executive Officer of Veolia Water.

Veolia Water, the water division of Veolia Environnement, is the world leader in water and wastewater services. Specialized in outsourcing services for municipal authorities, as well as industrial and service companies, it is also one of the world's major designers of technological solutions and constructor of facilities needed in water and wastewater services. Veolia Water serves 108 million people worldwide. With 70,700 employees, its 2005 revenues amounted to €8.9 billion. www.veoliawater.com

Veolia Environnement (Paris Euronext: VIE and NYSE: VE) is world leader in environmental services. With more than 270,000 employees the company has operations all around the world and provides tailored solutions to meet the needs of industrial and municipal customers in four complementary segments: water management, waste management, energy management and passenger transportation. Veolia Environnement recorded revenue of €25.2 billion in 2005. www.veolia.com

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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.

Dated: April 12, 2006

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Alain Tchernonog

Name: Alain Tchernonog

Title: General Counsel