

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT
Form 6-K
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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Yes o

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PRESS RELEASE

Paris, April 10, 2006. Veolia Environnement has agreed to sell its interests in Southern Water to Southern Water Capital Limited, the current majority shareholder in Southern Water. The transaction is not subject to any conditions and is due to be completed today.

Veolia Environnement came to the conclusion that this minority position (with a maximum of 25% for regulatory reasons) does not allow the group to optimise its investment.

Veolia Environnement remains fully committed to the operation of its other interests in UK water companies, which are all in companies it controls and has no plans to dispose of any other water assets in the UK.

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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Veolia Environnement is a corporation listed on the NYSE and Euronext Paris. This press release contains [forward-looking statements] within the meaning of the provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management's current expectations or beliefs and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. These factors and uncertainties in particular include risks related to customary provisions of divestiture transactions and those described in the documents Veolia Environnement has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Veolia Environnement does not undertake, nor does it have, any obligation to provide updates or to revise any forward-looking statements. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of documents filed by Veolia Environnement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission from Veolia Environnement.

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Press release also available on our web site: <http://www.veolia-finance.com>

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 10, 2006

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Alain Tchernonog
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Title: General Counsel