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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

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UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of February 2007

Commission File Number: 001-15248

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

36-38, avenue Kléber

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Paris, February 1st, 2007

PRESS RELEASE

Dalkia Acquires Hungary's Largest Biomass Power Plant

On 1st February 2007, Dalkia's Hungarian subsidiary Dalkia Energia acquired a 99.94% interest in PannonPower Holding Rt, which operates a biomass plant and a combined heat and power plant in the city of Pécs.

PannonPower Holding owns and operates a biomass-fired combined heat and power plant generating a total of 313 MWth of heat and 182 MWe of power. The biomass plant, which was built in 2004 and which is capable of generating 50 MWe of electricity, will be Dalkia's largest wood-fired facility and one of the biggest in Central Europe. The CHP plant supplies the country's second largest heating network and provides heat for 30,000 homes in the city. PannonPower owns a 49% stake in Petav, the district heating company that it manages in partnership with the city. The plant also provides steam to around twenty manufacturing companies.

PannonPower Holding Rt has 350 employees and reported €67 million in revenue in 2006. It is Hungary's leading supplier of biomass-generated electricity

Located some 200 kilometres south of Budapest, Pécs has a population of 160,000. It is Hungary's fifth largest city, covering 162 square kilometres, and is the economic and cultural centre of the southern Danube region.

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The acquisition enables Dalkia to leverage the experience of one of Europe's largest producers of biomass power. Projected revenue over the length of the current operating licenses will amount to €600 million over nine years, excluding any development. "This acquisition is in line with Dalkia's strategic commitment to developing operations that help to promote the use of renewable energies," noted Dalkia Chairman Olivier Barbaroux. "It also provides an opportunity to expand in Hungary and neighbouring countries, such as Serbia and Croatia."

A subsidiary of Veolia Environnement and Electricité de France (EDF), Dalkia is the leading European provider of energy services to local authorities and businesses. Since its creation, it has focused on energy and environmental optimisation. It meets customer expectations by delivering customised, end-to-end solutions to ensure comfortable living and efficient energy supply, including management of heating systems and energy and industrial fluid production facilities, energy plant engineering and maintenance services, technical services for commercial and industrial building operation, and global building management services. With more than 47,000 employees in 38 countries, Dalkia reported managed revenue of €6.1 billion in 2005.

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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: February 6, 2007

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

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