

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT
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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

For the month of July 2009

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

Agreement Reached to Sell Montenay International

PARIS, July 6, 2009 Veolia Environnement (Euronext: VIE and NYSE: VE) announced today that it has entered into an agreement to sell Montenay International, its North American portfolio of waste-to-energy contracts, to Covanta Holding Corporation (NYSE: CVA) for a total consideration of \$450 million including debt assumption. This enterprise value represents nearly 10 times 2008 EBITDA. The transaction is subject to applicable regulatory approvals as well as other customary closing conditions, including third parties' approvals. In the absence of such approvals, certain assets could be excluded from the transaction's scope, the price being reduced pro tanto. Our goal is to close the transaction before the end of the year.

The sale of Montenay International forms part of the disposal program announced by Veolia Environnement on March 6, 2009.

Denis Gasquet, CEO of Veolia Environmental Services, stated: "Our portfolio of waste-to-energy contracts in North-America is largely independent from and generates few synergies with the rest of our activities. The potential areas of development in the North America waste-to-energy market also appear to be limited and independent from the other segments of the solid waste market. The waste-to-energy market is, however, a strategic growth platform for Veolia Environmental Services in countries with strong growth potential where synergies can be generated with our waste collection or waste treatment activities, for example in the UK through Private Finance Initiatives."

Veolia Environnement is an important leader in environmental services in North America. Overall the group's operations in North America generated approximately \$4.5 billion of revenue in 2008, net of the divested business.

Veolia Environnement (Paris Euronext: VIE and NYSE: VE) is the worldwide reference in environmental services. With more than 330 000 employees the company has operations all around the world and provides tailored solutions to meet the needs of

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municipal and industrial companies in four complementary segments: water management, waste management, energy management and freight and passenger transportation. Veolia Environnement recorded revenue of 36.2 billion in 2008.
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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: July 6, 2009

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Alain Tchernonog
Name: Alain Tchernonog
Title: General Secretary