

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 September 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 Environnement Announces Clearance for Cleanaway UK Acquisition**

**Paris, September 21, 2006.** Veolia Environnement today announced that it has secured clearance from the EU Competition Authorities for its acquisition of Cleanaway UK from Brambles for a total cash consideration of £595 million (1) (€859 million) (2).

Completion of the purchase via its waste management division, Veolia Environmental Services, agreed on 30th June 2006, is now expected to take place on 28 September 2006.

The acquisition reinforces Veolia Environmental Services' position as a leading player in the UK waste management sector with the combined business having pro-forma 2006 revenues above £1.1 billion (€1.6 billion).

- (1) Cash consideration and subject to adjustment for changes in debt in the Cleanaway UK group between signing and closing
- (2) Assuming a 0.693£/euro exchange rate

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Veolia Environmental Services, the waste management business of Veolia Environnement, is the only provider of a full range of services for hazardous and non-hazardous solid and liquid waste all over the world. The company provides waste management and logistics services (collection, pipe systems maintenance, cleaning, waste flow management), as well as materials recovery and recycling. Veolia Environmental Services generated revenue of €6.6 billion in 2005, representing 25% of Veolia Environnement's revenue [www.veoliaenvironmentalservices.com](http://www.veoliaenvironmentalservices.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 municipal and industrial 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](http://www.veolia.com)

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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: September 22, 2006

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Alain Tchernonog

Name: Alain Tchernonog

Title: General Counsel

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