

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 2011

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

Paris, July 29 2011

For several months, Veolia Environnement has engaged in operational restructuring in order to reinforce the means necessary to implement the company's profitable growth strategy. The company has therefore proceeded with a complete review of its activities. The amount of divestments and partnerships completed during the first half of 2011 has exceeded €1 billion and resulted in more than €400 million in capital gains, which will be included in discontinued operations.

Given recent results of operations in Southern Europe, in particular in Italy, and North Africa, as well as the United States (notably within an activity specific to the Environmental Services division), Veolia Environnement has decided to launch new restructuring plans and redeployment of assets and businesses, which will accelerate the implementation of the company's strategy. In relation to these events, asset impairments and write-downs approximating €800 million will be proposed to the Board of Directors on August 3 to be recognized within the accounts at June 30, 2011.

At the time of the company's first half 2011 results presentation scheduled for August 4, 2011, Veolia Environnement will detail the new restructuring plans and associated profitability improvement measures. Taking into account the operational results during the first half of 2011 and consequences of new restructuring plans, for 2011 the company will not attain the objective of net income growth, and expects adjusted operating income, excluding Veolia Transdev, to decline slightly at constant exchange rates versus previously published adjusted operating income, excluding Veolia Transdev, in 2010. The 2011 objectives of organic revenue growth, €250 million in annual cost savings, at least €1.3 billion in divestments and positive free cash flow after dividend payment are confirmed.

Veolia Environnement (Paris Euronext: VIE and NYSE: VE) is the worldwide reference in environmental services. With more than 315,000 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 freight and passenger transportation. Veolia Environnement recorded revenue of €34,78 billion in 2010.

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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: July 29, 2011

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Olivier Orsini
Name: Olivier Orsini
Title: Secretary General