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VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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PRESS RELEASE

Veolia Environmental Services wins Merseyside contract

19 May 2009. Veolia Environmental Services has been awarded a twenty-year Waste Management and Recycling Contract with a value of £640 million by the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) on behalf of the Merseyside and Halton Waste Partnership. The decision follows Veolia's selection as preferred bidder last month.

Commencing on June 1, 2009, the contract includes the development of a flagship Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at Gillmoss, Liverpool due to commence construction before the end of the year. A refurbishment programme for existing infrastructure will include upgrading the existing Bidston MRF, as well as the network of 16 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).

The new Material Recovery Facility located in the Gillmoss Recycling Park will be suitable for glass and plastic bottles, cardboard, cans and paper and will ensure a wider range of recyclates can now be collected and sorted locally. The Facility also includes an integrated Visitor and Education Centre designed to generate interest in recycling across the community.

The contract is part of a major procurement exercise by the MWDA with its five local District Council partners and Halton Borough Council targeting improved recycling rates across the Merseyside and Halton area. It also includes the operation of the existing four transfer stations servicing the waste collection authorities.

Denis Gasquet, Chief Executive Officer of Veolia Environmental Services, commented: "We are delighted to have been awarded this prestigious Waste Management and Recycling Contract by MWDA which we believe will be the catalyst to further improving recycling performance in Merseyside."

Our investment in both new and existing recycling infrastructure will boost recycling capacity and ensure the HWRC network is user-friendly and attractive to visit. By supporting education initiatives to publicise "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle", we will also generate more interest in recycling across the region.

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Cllr Kevin Cluskey, Chairperson of Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority said: This is an enormous achievement for Merseyside and will be a great boost for achieving improved recycling rates. In such financially depressed times it is encouraging to see this size of contract and level of investment in Merseyside.

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Veolia Environmental Services, part of the Veolia Environnement Group, is the UK's leading waste management company. With a sizeable presence throughout the UK, mainland Europe and the world, Veolia Environmental Services employs 100,000 people worldwide, servicing more than 60 million inhabitants across 35 countries.

Veolia Environmental Services is the only global provider of a full range of services for handling hazardous and non-hazardous solid and liquid waste. It provides waste management and logistics services as well as materials recovery and recycling. Veolia Environmental Services generated revenue of 10.14 billion in 2008.

Veolia Environnement (Paris Euronext: VIE and NYSE: VE) is the worldwide reference in environmental services. 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 36.2 billion in 2008.

Further information can be obtained by visiting the websites:

www.veolia.co.uk

www.veoliaenvironnement.com

MWDA is a local government body consisting of nine elected Members, representing the five constituent district councils in the Merseyside area. It is responsible for organising and managing the disposal of waste collected by the five District Councils of Merseyside and for managing the 14 HWRCs across Merseyside. See more at www.merseysidewda.gov.uk

Merseyside produces over 800,000 tonnes of household waste every year - of which only about a quarter is recycled (estimated at 33% in years ending 2008/09). Around 70% of the region's waste is sent to landfill, and tough EU and government targets are designed to reduce this figure, with landfill tax set to increase from the current rate of £32 per tonne to £48 per tonne by 2010/11.

MWDA has developed a £3.3 billion procurement programme to step up its waste management needs over the next 25 years, helping to deliver new waste facilities for the Merseyside area on behalf of the Merseyside and Halton Waste Partnership.

More information can be obtained by visiting the website: www.merseysidewda.gov.uk

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: May 19, 2009

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

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