

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULES 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

November 19, 2004
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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Yes No

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PRESS RELEASE

**VEOLIA WATER WINS MAJOR WATER MANAGEMENT CONTRACT
WORTH OVER 600 MILLION EUROS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

Paris, 18 November 2004 Veolia Water, the Water Division of Veolia Environnement, has just won a major municipal outsourcing contract awarded by the Kladno-Melnik Water Company, located in Central Bohemia. This contract covers the production and

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distribution of drinking water, customer relations and the collection and treatment of wastewater. It has been signed for a term of 20 years, renewable for 20 years, and represents a total revenue of more than 600 million euros over the total period.

The Kladno-Melnik Water Company serves some 240,000 people living in Central Bohemia, spread across more than 180 cities, 80,000 of whom live in Kladno and 20,000 in Melnik. The Water Company employs 465 staff.

This contract consolidates our presence in Bohemia. In fact, thanks to its geographical location between our two biggest Czech water companies PVK (Prague Water Company) and ScVK (North Bohemia Water Company) we will be able to gain immediate benefit from the effect of synergy. said Antoine Frérot, Chief Executive Officer of Veolia Water.

Veolia Water is the leader of the Czech Republic's markets for municipal and industrial water services. The company now manages water services covering 3,850,000 people, generates annual revenue of over 330 million and employs more than 6,000 staff.

Veolia Water, the water Division of Veolia Environnement, is the world leader in water and wastewater services. Specialized in outsourcing services for municipal authorities, as well as for industrial and service companies, it is also one of the world's major designers of technological solutions and constructors of facilities needed in water and wastewater services. Veolia Water serves 110 million people worldwide. With 77,723 employees, its 2003 revenue amounted to 11.3 billion euros.

Veolia Environnement (Paris Euronext : VIE et NYSE : VE) is world leader in environmental services. The company has operations all around the world and provides tailored solutions to meet the needs of industrial and municipal customers in four complementary segments : water, waste management, energy and passenger transportation. Veolia Environnement recorded revenue of 28.6 billion in 2003.

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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: November 19, 2004

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Jérôme Contamine

Name: Jérôme Contamine

Title: Senior Executive President and Chief Financial Officer