

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 October 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

Meeting of the Veolia Environnement Board of Directors and changes to the governance of the Company if Mr. Henri Proglio were to be appointed Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of EDF

Paris, October 21, 2009. The Veolia Environnement (VE) Board of Directors, chaired by Chairman and CEO Henri Proglio, met on October 21 and unanimously expressed its preference for maintaining the Company's current status as a *Société Anonyme* (public limited company under French law) governed by a Board of Directors, if Mr. Proglio were to be appointed Chairman and CEO of EDF. If such were to happen, the functions of Chairman of the Veolia Environnement Board of Directors would be separated from those of the VE Chief Executive Officer.

The Board also expressed, under these circumstances, its wish to appoint:

Mr. Henri Proglio as non-executive Chairman of the Board;

Mr. Antoine Frérot, currently Chief Executive Officer of Veolia Water, as Chief Executive Officer of VE.

The Board also recommended that, under these circumstances, a post of Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors be created, and that Mr. Louis Schweitzer, independent director, should be appointed to this post. The role of the Vice-Chairman would be to act as Senior Independent Director, based on the British model, to assure the proper operation of the governance bodies.

Veolia Environnement

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 municipal and industrial customers in four complementary segments: water management, waste management, energy

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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: October 22, 2009

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

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