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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 6-K

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

February 4, 2004

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

36-38, avenue Kleber
75116 Paris, France
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will
file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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PARIS, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2004

PRESS RELEASE
(unaudited data according to French accounting standards)

Revenue growth at constant exchange rates of 5.3% to (euro)28.4 billion,
excluding assets sold in 2002 and 2003(1)

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Revenue	At Dec. 31, 2003 (in(euro)m)	At Dec. 31, 2002 (in(euro)m)	Variation 2003/2002	Internal growth
Excl. assets sold in 2002 and 2003	28,418	28,073	+1.2%	+5.6%
Assets sold in 2002 and 2003 (1)	185	2,006	-90.8%	
Consolidated total	28,603	30,079	-4.9%	

Revenue excluding assets sold in 2002 and 2003 came to (euro)28,418 million, a 5.3% increase at constant exchange rates. Revenue outside France, excluding assets sold in 2002 and 2003, was (euro)15,389 million, or 54% of total revenue.

The negative impact of exchange rates, totaling (euro)1,157 million, is attributable mainly to variation in the dollar ((euro)740 million, with the average rate of the dollar versus the euro at 1.1418 in 2003 compared with 0.9483 in 2002). The impact of variation in the pound sterling and Latin American currencies totaled (euro)182 million and (euro)92 million, respectively. Internal growth excluding assets sold in 2002 and 2003 was 5.6%.

The revenue from assets sold in 2002 and 2003(1) came to (euro)185 million at December 31, 2003 compared with (euro)2,006 million at December 31, 2002.

The total consolidated revenue of the group came to (euro)28,603 million in 2003 compared with (euro)30,079 million in 2002.

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- (1) Excluding assets sold in 2002 and 2003" is defined as follows:
non-core businesses of USFilter (Filtration & Separation, Plymouth and Distribution US) and Bonna Sabla in France, all sold in 2002, and Surface Preparation Corp. sold in 2003.
Revenue from Everpure, which is included for the whole of 2003, is not classified in this category.

WATER (1)

At Dec. 31, 2003 (in(euro)m)	At Dec. 31, 2002 (in(euro)m)	Variation 2003/2002	Internal growth	External growth
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11,155	11,288	-1.2%	+3.9%	-0.3%
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(1) excluding assets sold in 2002 and 2003.

- o In France, good year-on-year revenue growth of 4.2% was achieved, benefiting from the weather conditions over the course of the summer in 2003.
- o Outside France, excluding the United States and Latin America (Proactiva), growth of over 14% was registered, due principally to expansion in Continental Europe, North Africa and Asia, as well as a satisfactory rise in revenue from existing contracts.
- o In dollars, USFilter's revenue (excluding assets sold in 2002 and 2003) rose 4.6%, driven by an increase in revenue of approximately 10% from the services business (contribution of the Indianapolis contract). Revenue from equipment sales increased slightly. In Latin America, where the company is present through Proactiva, its joint venture company with FCC, the company has limited its water activity with revenue of (euro)34 million in 2003 compared with (euro)145 million in 2002, due to the end of certain contracts.
- o Overall revenue growth for the water division continued to be affected by the decline in revenue of approximately 8.4% for the year at Veolia Water Systems, corresponding to the increased selectivity in construction projects.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

At Dec. 31, 2003 (in (euro)m)	At Dec. 31, 2002 (in (euro)m)	Variation 2003/2002	Internal growth	External growth
5,972	6,139	-2.7%	+4.1%	+0.2%

- o In France, internal revenue growth of nearly 4% was due to a satisfactory level of business activity in industrial waste management and incineration.
- o Outside France, total revenue growth was 4.2% at constant exchange rates. Northern Europe posted a satisfactory increase due, among other elements, to the many contracts won in the UK at the end of 2002. In the United States, the solid waste and incineration businesses recorded significant growth.

ENERGY SERVICES

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At Dec. 31, 2003 (in (euro)m)	At Dec. 31, 2002 (in (euro)m)	Variation 2003/2002	Internal growth	External growth
4,654	4,571	+1.8%	+5.4%	-2.2%

Internal revenue growth for energy services was 5.4%.

- o In France, internal revenue growth totaled approximately 3.0%. The heating management business benefited from changes in tariffs and favorable weather conditions. However, growth was adversely affected by the level of business for repairs and maintenance.
- o Outside France, internal revenue growth was 9.2%. Growth in Central Europe reached 13.6% due to the full-year impact of new contracts (Lithuania, Poland...), as well as favorable weather conditions in the first quarter. In Southern Europe, revenue increased 14.5%, notably in Italy, due to the start of operations of many new contracts won.

TRANSPORTATION

At Dec. 31, 2003 (in (euro)m)	At Dec. 31, 2002 (in (euro)m)	Variation 2003/2002	Internal growth	External growth
3,673	3,422	+7.3%	+9.4%	+1.1%

- o In France, internal revenue growth of nearly 5% was due to the good level of business activity, principally in urban transportation.
- o Outside France, the 12% rise at constant exchange rates was attributable to the Northern and Eastern Europe region, driven by developments in Germany, Slovenia, Sweden and Belgium. In the United States, revenue more than doubled, benefiting from the impact of the Boston contract, which began on July 1, 2003. Revenue generated outside France included the South Eastern rail license in the UK until November 7, 2003. Excluding that concession, revenue increased 16% at constant exchange rates.

FCC (*)

At Dec. 31, 2003 (in (euro)m)	At Dec. 31, 2002 (in (euro)m)	Variation 2003/2002	Internal growth	External growth
2,965	2,653	+11.7%	+11.9%	+0.8%

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(*) Figures reflect VE's consolidated 49% share of FCC's revenue

Internal growth of nearly 12% at constant exchange rates was due to:

- o new contracts in municipal and environmental services,
- o commercial successes of FCC in construction, especially infrastructure projects.

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Over the course of the past few months, Veolia Environnement has continued its growth strategy, winning many new contracts both in municipal services (50-year contract with Shenzhen in China for the water sector, a new rail concession in northern Germany for the transportation sector), as well as industrial services (10 year outsourcing contract with PSA in France, 12-year outsourcing contract with the industrial paper manufacturer Pigna in Italy).

These new contracts strengthen the visibility of Veolia Environnement's revenue and cash flows and its leadership position in environmental services. They support the company's objectives for growth, profitability and financial balance.

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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: February 4, 2004

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Jerome Contamine

Name: Jerome Contamine

Title: Chief Financial Officer