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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

August 5, 2003

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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Yes No
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AUGUST 5, 2003

Press Release
(unaudited data according to French accounting standards)

Revenue from core businesses(1) up 5.4% to (euro)13.9 billion at

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constant exchange rates for the six-month period ended June 30, 2003

Veolia Environnement's consolidated revenue totaled (euro)14,048 million for the first half 2003 compared with (euro)14,971 million for the first half 2002, owing to disposals of non core businesses completed in 2002.

Revenue from core businesses amounted to (euro)13,902 million and increased 5.4% at constant exchange rates.

Revenue	Six months ended June 30, 2003 (in (euro)m)	Six months ended June 30, 2002 (in (euro)m)	Variation 2003/2002	Internal growth	Ex g
Core businesses	13,902	13,858	+0.3%	+5.2%	
Non-core businesses sold or in the process of being sold	146	1,113			
Consolidated total	14,048	14,971	-6.2%		

Revenue from core businesses amounted to (euro)13,902 million, up 5.4% at constant exchange rates. The negative impact of exchange rate fluctuations totaled (euro)705 million, of which (euro)450 million was attributable to variation in the dollar (the average US dollar-euro rate was 1.11455 in the six-months ended June 30, 2003 compared with 0.885183 in the six-months ended June 30, 2002). The balance was mainly due to variations in Latin American currencies and the British pound. Internal growth of 5.2% was recorded for core businesses.

Revenue from non-core businesses sold or in the process of being sold amounted to (euro)146 million, compared with (euro)1,113 million in the six-months ended June 30, 2002. As a result, the company's consolidated revenue was (euro)14,048 million in the six-months ended June 30, 2003.

The portion of core business revenue generated outside France totaled (euro)7,476 million, representing 53.8% of total revenue.

- (1) Excluding the following non-core businesses sold or in the process of being sold:
 US Filter non-core businesses (Filtration & Separation, Plymouth, Distribution US) and Bonna Sabla in France, which were sold in 2002, as well as Surface Preparation Corp., which is in the process of being sold pursuant to an agreement announced in July 2003.

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WATER (1)

Six months ended June 30, 2003 (in(euro)m)	Six months ended June 30, 2002 (in(euro)m)	Variation 2003/2002	Internal growth	External growth
5,351	5,558	-3.7%	+2.5%	-0.4%

(1) Excluding non-core businesses sold or in the process of being sold

Internal growth for the water business in the first half of 2003 varied:

- o In France, revenue from water distribution rose 3.7%.
- o Outside France (excluding the United States and Latin America), revenue increased over 20% due principally to the increase in impact of contracts won in Continental Europe, North Africa and Asia.
- o In the United States, revenue in dollars grew 4.1%. The Services activity continued to record double-digit growth, boosted by the startup of the Indianapolis contract, but equipment sales again reflected the stagnation in industrial markets. Culligan showed a positive trend in dollars.

Overall growth was impacted by the downturn in business in Latin America, and revenue for Veolia Water Systems declined approximately 16%.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Six months ended June 30, 2003 (in(euro)m)	Six months ended June 30, 2002 (in(euro)m)	Variation 2003/2002	Internal growth	External growth
2,914	3,047	-4.4%	+4.5%	-0.1%

The breakdown of internal growth is as follows:

- o In France, the division continued its good performance with growth of 6.4%.
- o Outside France, growth in total revenue at constant exchange rates and excluding Latin America (Proactiva) amounted to 3.7%. Northern Europe recorded satisfactory results, benefiting in particular from the many contracts won in the UK over the last months. In the United States, there were good performances from the solid waste and incineration activities, but hazardous waste and industrial services were affected by the economic slowdown.

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ENERGY SERVICES

Six months ended June 30, 2003 (in(euro)m)	Six months ended June 30, 2002 (in(euro)m)	Variation 2003/2002	Internal growth	External growth
2,387	2,287	+4.4%	+5.5%	+0.5%

Internal growth in revenue for energy services remained buoyant at 5.5%, all of which was achieved during the first quarter of 2003.

- o In France, revenue increased 1.3%. Most of this increase occurred in the 1st quarter due to the favorable impact of weather conditions on this business.
- o Outside France, revenue rose 12.6%. In addition to the more favorable weather conditions in the 1st quarter, the increase was driven throughout the first six months by satisfactory developments in Eastern Europe, where 30% growth was recorded, as well as in Italy.

TRANSPORTATION

Six months ended June 30, 2003 (in(euro)m)	Six months ended June 30, 2002 (in(euro)m)	Variation 2003/2002	Internal growth	External growth
1,821	1,705	+6.8%	+9.0%	+1.2%

- o In France, the 4.1% growth was due to good performance in the intercity segment.
- o Outside France, the 12.1% growth was attributable to Northern and Eastern Europe, driven by developments in Germany, Slovenia and Belgium. In the United States, growth of approximately 40% does not include the Boston contract, which began operating on July 1.

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1,429 1,261 +13.3% +13.0% +1.7%

(*) share attributable to VE

Internal growth of 13% was generated by:

- o municipal services: the impact of new contracts;
- o construction: the impact of infrastructure construction contracts.

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Veolia Environnement's detailed results for the six-month period ended June 30, 2003 will be published on September 24, 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: August 5, 2003

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Jerome Contamine

Name: Jerome Contamine

Title: Chief Financial Officer