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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

December 17, 2002

VIVENDI 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
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No
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PRESS RELEASE

VIVENDI ENVIRONNEMENT STRENGTHENS PRESENCE IN CHINA
WITH TWO NEW CONTRACTS

Total consolidated revenue from the contracts amounts to 700 million euros.

Paris, December 16th, 2002 - Vivendi Environnement's water division, Vivendi Water, has signed two new contracts for outsourced management services in the People's Republic of China, with the municipalities of Baoji and Zhuhai.

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The 23-year contract signed with Baoji, a new town with a population of 500,000 located near Xian, calls for the refurbishment and extension of two drinking water treatment plants and their operation for 23 years. Consolidated revenue will amount to 300 million euros during the term. The investment will total 40 million euros and will be financed with the Beijing Capital Group, with which Vivendi Water recently set up a partnership to realize some of its projects in northern China. The work will be carried out by Vivendi Water Systems, the design-build subsidiary of Vivendi Water.

The contract signed with Zhuhai, a coastal city and Special Economic Zone with a population of 1.2 million located between Hong Kong and Macao, is Vivendi Water's first for wastewater treatment in China. The contract covers two wastewater treatment plants, an existing plant and one to be built, and their operation for 30 years. Consolidated revenue will amount to 400 million euros during the term.

The investment will be 26 million euros, financed in partnership with Hong Kong investors. Vivendi Water Systems will design the new plant and supply the equipment.

Vivendi Water will take majority control of both operating companies.

The signature of these two contracts comes in addition to the Pudong contract in Shanghai signed in May 2002 and existing contracts in Chengdu, Tianjin, Guangdong and Hong Kong. They strengthen Vivendi Environnement's growth objectives in China.

Vivendi Water, a subsidiary of Vivendi Environnement, is the leading global provider of water and wastewater services for municipal authorities, industrial companies and consumers. The company provides the entire range of outsourcing and design-build services, as well as equipment and systems. With operations in more than 100 countries, Vivendi Water serves over 110 million consumers and 40,000 industrial customers worldwide. It has revenues of 13.6 billion euros for 2001 and 85,700 employees.

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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: December 17, 2002

VIVENDI ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Jerome Contamine

Name: Jerome Contamine
Title: Chief Financial Officer