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UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of July 2006

Commission File Number: 001-15248

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

36-38, avenue Kléber

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### ***Veolia Transport strengthens its presence in the Netherlands***

#### **Veolia Transport wins a contract to manage public transit**

#### **in Limburg province**

**Paris, July 24, 2006.** Veolia Transport has won a contract to manage all public transportation in Limburg, a province in the southeastern region of the Netherlands. The 10-year contract, employing 1,025 people, goes into effect on December 16<sup>th</sup> 2006, when Veolia Transport will begin managing the system's 242 buses, 200 taxis and 26 trains. Representing cumulative revenue of approximately 1.2 billion, it is the company's biggest contract in the Netherlands.

The more than one million people living in the province take 30 million trips a year by bus and 11 million by train. The Maastricht-Kerkrade and Roermond-Nijmegen lines are 33 and 84 kilometers long, respectively.

*This major contract strengthens our position in the Netherlands and has given us our first passenger rail lines in that country,* says Stéphane Richard, Chief Executive Officer of Veolia Transport.

Veolia Transport's bid was chosen because of the high quality of the services it proposed, such as an outstanding passenger information system. Changes in the network were also suggested, for example, facilitating public access to complementary transportation modes and the use of low-energy vehicles.

Veolia Transport was already operating in southern Limburg through its subsidiaries Limex, Stadsbus Maastricht and PZN, which provide public transit and taxi service. Veolia Transport's operations in the Netherlands generated revenue of 239 million in 2005.

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Veolia Environnement's transportation division operates in 25 countries and employs 2,302 people. Veolia Transport generated revenue of 4.35 billion in 2005. It operates 30,800 road and rail vehicles and carries more than 2 billion passengers per year.

Veolia Environnement (Paris Euronext: VIE, NYSE: VE) is world leader in environmental solutions. With over 270,000 employees and operations worldwide, the company provides municipalities and private companies with tailored solutions in four complementary segments: water services, waste management, energy services and passenger transportation. Veolia Environnement generated revenue of 25.2 billion in 2005.

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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: July 28, 2006

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

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