

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT
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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 13 , 2004
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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Yes No

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PRESS RELEASE

Evolution of the shareholder structure

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Paris, December 9, 2004 - Upon the issue of a shareholder restructuring which took place today, the participation of Vivendi Universal in Veolia Environnement is reduced to 5.30%. This shareholder restructuring allows for the removal of the uncertainty related to the evolution of its share ownership associated with the upcoming expiration on December 23rd of the options to purchase shares held by certain institutional investors in Veolia Environnement.

This operation translates into a significant increase in the free float of the company's shares.

Vivendi Universal will continue to hold a participation of 5.30% of the capital of Veolia Environnement, which is testimony to its confidence in the group's development outlook as well as in the potential evolution of the shares.

With the perspective of developing its employee shareholder base, Veolia Environnement has decided to acquire 2% of its capital (contingent upon the non-exercise of the options to purchase shares consented by Vivendi Universal to certain institutional investors in Veolia Environnement).

Henri Proglio, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Veolia Environnement, stated : The clarification of the shareholder ownership structure of Veolia Environnement constitutes a new step in the development of our group. It follows the strategic refocusing carried out by the group on its core business activities and is consistent with the logic of our strategy.

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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 13, 2004

VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

By: /s/ Jérôme Contamine

Name: Jérôme Contamine

Title: Senior Executive President and Chief Financial Officer