



## PRESS RELEASE

### Brazil

#### **Veolia Water is awarded new contract by Petrobras, the Brazilian Oil & Gas company, to supply new water and reuse treatment station**

**Paris, September 15, 2009.** The Brazilian oil company Petrobras has awarded Veolia Water's subsidiary Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies, under a 50/50 joint venture with Enfil, a Brazilian water treatment engineering company, the complete supply and construction of a water treatment and reuse station at Abreu e Lima Refinery, in Ipojuca, Pernambuco State. The amount of this contract for Veolia Water is worth about 119 million Euros.

Currently under construction, the new refinery will produce primarily diesel fuel and will process heavy oil from Brazil and Venezuela.

The Abreu e Lima Refinery water treatment and reuse station will be able to provide 2100 m3 of filtered water per hour and 580 m3 of recycling water per hour for industrial use.

It is the twelfth project awarded by Petrobras to Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies Brazil, including in particular in the last few months the water treatment plant at the REPAR refinery, or the wastewater treatment plant at the REVAP refinery.

The Abreu e Lima Refinery water treatment plant will also reuse approximately one third of the water consumed by the refinery. It will include a series of five units providing increasingly advanced treatments, in order to produce boiler feed and demineralized water, plus a dewatering sludge unit.

Veolia Water Solutions & Technologies' processes will include flocculation and counter-current lamella settling with MULTIFLO™, Multi Media Filters and Granular Activated Carbon, Electro Dialysis Reversal and Ion Exchange resin system. Commissioning activities are expected to start in 2011.

Commenting on the contract, Antoine Frérot, Chief Executive Officer of Veolia Water said, *"Petrobras, one of the largest companies in the Oil & Gas sector worldwide, awarded Veolia Water a new significant contract that requires all our technical expertise in water and reuse treatments for industrial needs. We believe these solutions are crucial to help our client meeting the challenge of optimizing production costs and addressing environmental concerns"*.

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