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**Paris, March 24, 2010.** The Groupe Industriel Marcel Dassault (GIMD) has disclosed that it holds more than 5% of the stock and voting rights of Veolia Environnement.

Veolia Environnement welcomes this move, which strengthens its long-term shareholder base and constitutes a strong and clear commitment to support the company in the implementation of its strategy.

The Board of Directors of Veolia Environnement, meeting on March 24, 2010, noted the undertaking by GIMD to maintain its 5% holding of the stock and voting rights of Veolia Environnement for a period of five years.

It was decided to seek approval from the Annual Shareholders Meeting for the appointment of a Director and a non-voting Board member from a list of candidates proposed by GIMD and to appoint a representative of GIMD to the Supervisory Board of Veolia Eau – Compagnie Générale des Eaux. It was further decided to appoint GIMD as a member of the Nominations and Compensation Committee and the Audit Committee of Veolia Environnement, subject to its appointment as a Director of the company by the Annual Shareholders Meeting.

In the event, GIMD no longer holds the positions referred to above, its undertaking to maintain its shareholding stake would lapse.

Commenting on this investment, Henri Proglio, Chairman of the Board of Directors stated: "We warmly welcome the move by the Groupe Industriel Marcel Dassault to become a long-term shareholder of Veolia Environnement. The presence of this major investor in the company is a strong statement of its belief in and support for our strategy and our business model."

### **Veolia Environnement**

*Veolia Environnement (Paris Euronext : VIE et NYSE : VE) est le référent mondial des services à l'environnement. Présent sur les cinq continents avec plus de 310 000 salariés, le groupe apporte des solutions sur-mesure aux collectivités comme aux industriels dans quatre activités complémentaires : la gestion de l'eau, la gestion des déchets, la gestion énergétique et la gestion des transports de voyageurs. Veolia Environnement a réalisé en 2009 un chiffre d'affaires de 35,4 milliards d'euros.*  
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