

**Date:** 30 July 2010

**Sources:** <http://www.ciipp.com/en/index/view-215685.html>

## **Veolia Environment to Expand Its Businesses in China**

It is learned from Antoine Frérot, CEO of Veolia Environment Group, that the French company will continue to expand its businesses in China in addition to its investments of USD 2 billion in China, aiming at enhancing the interaction of its four businesses in China: water services, garbage treatment, energy services and public transportation. Frérot told reporters in Shanghai recently that China is seeking a new balance between economic development and environmental protection during the urbanization and industrialization process. As one of the global leaders in environmental services, Veolia Environment will take advantage of this opportunity to enlarge its businesses in China.

The CEO said that since the 1980s, Veolia Environment has cumulatively invested over USD 2 billion in 68 projects engaged in water services, energy services, public transportation etc. in 41 Chinese cities, including Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan. Veolia Environment's businesses in China account for 3% to 4% of all its business scale.

Frérot said that there will be a drastically increasing demand for all sorts of environmental services in China, which is undergoing economic restructuring and upgrading during the industrialization and urbanization process. "We will offer our advantageous technologies and services, and moreover, innovate for better environmental services."

It is learned that as part of the rear services system of the Shanghai 2010 Expo, Veolia Environment took part in drinkable water supply and garbage disposal for this grand event. Veolia Environment set up a panel designated to formulate a security plan for the Shanghai Expo to strengthen water management, including timely supervision over water quality in the water supply system through controlling and monitoring water quality and laboratory experiments.

Frérot said: "Working for the Shanghai Expo makes us clearer about the direction of our future investment in China." At present, water services, garbage disposal, energy services and public transportation are main businesses of Veolia Environment. The company has launched all these four businesses in China, and it will further strengthen the interaction among them in the future and provide differentiated services. Water services will be expanded to cover the management of water supply networks in cities. Garbage treatment will focus on the pollution of heavy metals and heavy chemicals. Energy services will highlight such advantageous fields as energy optimization and biogas. Public transportation management will give priority to the integration of multi-mode transportation means, information offer, ticketing services etc.

With a history of 150 years, Veolia Environment Group runs business in over 80 countries throughout the world. With an annual turnover of more than EUR 36 billion, the French company specializes in offering comprehensive environmental services.