

PRESS RELEASE

## The Caisse des Dépôts launches the disposal of part of its stake in Veolia Environnement

*Paris,* 22 September, 2016 – Caisse des Dépôts announces today the launch of the disposal of approximately 22.5 million Veolia Environnement shares, representing c. 4% of Veolia share capital, by way of an accelerated bookbuilt offering with institutional investors (the "Placement").

The final terms and the results of the Placement, led by Citigroup and Morgan Stanley, acting as Joint Bookrunners on behalf of Caisse des Dépôts, will be determined at the end of the bookbuilding process.

This disposal is in line with the Caisse des Dépôts strategy to accelerate the rotation of its portfolio initiated in 2015. Following this transaction, Caisse des Dépôts will hold c.4.62% of the share capital and 8.36% of the voting rights of Veolia. Caisse des Dépôts has entered into, to the benefit of the Joint Bookrunners, a 180-day lock-up on its remaining stake, subject to customary exceptions.

Convinced of Veolia strategic and financial potential and its ability to create value, Caisse des Dépôts intends to remain a key shareholder of Veolia, in line with Caisse des Dépôts' patrimonial approach. Caisse des Dépôts will remain for the time being member of the board of directors of Veolia.

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