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SIGNING OF THE DEFINITIVE AGREEMENTS RELATIVE TO THE VEOLIA TRANSPORT-TRANSDEV MERGER

- ***The merger of Veolia Transport and Transdev will create a worldwide leader in passenger transportation and sustainable mobility***
- ***Veolia Environnement will be the industrial operator of the new group and Caisse des Dépôts a long-term strategic shareholder***
- ***RATP will exchange its stake in Transdev for assets and thereby strengthen its international footprint as well as its French market coverage***
- ***Balanced corporate governance will reflect the respective roles of Veolia Environnement and Caisse des Dépôts***
- ***Strategic ambition will be reinforced by the targeted IPO of the combined entity twelve months after closing, subject to market conditions***
- ***Notification to antitrust authorities and approval by the French Commission des Participations et des Transferts are required***

Following the consultation of their respective employee representative bodies, Caisse des Dépôts and Veolia Environnement have signed the definitive agreements relative to the merger of Transdev and Veolia Transport. The proposed transaction aims at uniting both companies' strengths on the growing market for mobility, with a strong ambition: to become the world reference in sustainable mobility.

Combining the two group's complementary qualifications across all areas of mobility will allow the new entity to benefit from an extensive geographic coverage, to offer a comprehensive range of transportation services and to broaden its innovation capabilities in order to better address passengers' and public authorities' needs.

With 2009 pro forma revenues of €8.1bn (excluding the contribution of assets transferred to RATP), a presence in 28 countries and a workforce of about 117.000 employees, the new group will rank among world leaders in passenger transportation and sustainable mobility. Cash flows from operations amount to approximately €500m.

The combination should allow for an accelerated development of the new group based on the outstanding complementarity between Veolia Transport and Transdev in terms of geographic presence, modal offering and operational expertise, while cost synergies should generate approximately €70m per year.

In line with the terms of the framework agreement announced on December 21, 2009, the new Veolia Transport-Transdev entity will be owned equally by Veolia Environnement (50%) and Caisse des Dépôts (50%). Prior to completing the transaction, Caisse des Dépôts will subscribe to a €200m capital increase by Transdev. Veolia Environnement will be the industrial operator of the new and Caisse des Dépôts a long-term strategic shareholder.

The buy-out of RATP's 25.6% stake in Transdev will take the form of an exchange of selected French and international assets belonging to both Transdev and Veolia Transport. As a result, RATP will strengthen its international presence, notably in the UK, Italy and Switzerland, as well as in France. 2009 revenues of the assets transferred to RATP in exchange for its 25.6% stake in Transdev amount to c. €340m.

A balanced corporate governance will be set up and reflect the respective roles of Veolia Environnement and Caisse des Depots. Antoine Frérot, CEO of Veolia Environnement, will be Chairman of the new group, Joël Lebreton, CEO of Transdev, will be CEO and Cyrille du Peloux, CEO of Veolia Transport, will be Deputy CEO, in charge of operations and of the preparation of the Initial Public Offering ("IPO").

The two shareholders' objective is to list the new group within twelve months after closing, subject to market conditions. The new group's IPO will take place through a capital increase, with the aim of providing it with the adequate financial means to pursue its growth strategy.

The merger of Veolia Transport and Transdev as well as RATP's exit from Transdev's capital are subject to authorization by the relevant antitrust authorities. The formal notification of the proposed transaction should occur in the coming weeks.

The transaction is also subject to the French government's authorization after clearance by the French Commission des Participations et des Transferts.

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Veolia Environnement shall inform the markets of any further developments in the completion of the merger in accordance with applicable regulation.

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