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VEOLIA SIGNS MOU WITH VEBES O&M AND AD POLY TO DEVELOP A NEW PROGRAM SUPPORTING EMIRATIZATION

AGREEMENT PLEDGES COMMITMENT TO THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF EMIRATI CAPITAL

Abu Dhabi, UAE 28th May, 2014: Veolia, the global leader in optimized resources management, VeBes O&M and Abu Dhabi Polytechnic (AD Poly), today announced that a memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed at the Saint Regis Resort hotel, Saadiyat Island. The agreement will see the establishment of an education program, which will be dedicated to water and environment infrastructure maintenance.

The three organisations will work in partnership to initiate and support the program, which looks to diversify the economy by contributing to the education and development of UAE human resources and talent development through a tailor made and innovative apprenticeship solution. The joint venture aims to encourage the citizens and residents of the United Arab Emirates to contribute to the development of the local economy.

Commenting on the occasion Xavier Joseph, CEO, Gulf Countries, Veolia: “Through this partnership we wish to develop the next generation of UAE innovators dedicated to water and environment infrastructure maintenance. The alliance further cements our commitment to building the Middle East as world-class hub for waste management and recycling and recovery of resources.”

Vincent Duchateau, O&M Director, VeBes O&M added “Working in line with the UAE Vision 2021, VeBes O&M is committed to emiratization, knowledge transfer and talent development in the field of strategic environmental sector.”

This agreement directly subscribes to the Human Development Pillar of the UAE Vision 2021, which deems innovation, research, science and technology as the key pillars of a

knowledge-based, highly productive and competitive economy. The relationship between the organisations will promote a new bold culture where hard work, self-assurance and innovation are rewarded.

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About Veolia

***Veolia** (Paris Euronext: VIE and NYSE: VE) is the worldwide reference in environmental solutions. With 220,000 employees*, the company has operations all around the world and provides tailored solutions to meet the needs of municipal and industrial customers in three complementary segments: water management, waste management and energy management. Veolia recorded revenue of €29.4 billion* in 2012. www.veolia.com (*) Excluding Transdev employees and revenues currently under divestment*

About VeBes O&M:

VeBes O&M is the Operating & Maintenance Company of the Independent Sewage Treatment Plant 2 (ISTP2) belonging to Al Watha Veolia Besix Waste Water PJSC. ISTP2 project which is a BOOT project consisting of the design, construction, financing and operation of two wastewater treatment plants in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

The Wathba 2 Plant treats a significant part of the domestic wastewater coming from the city of Abu Dhabi. This Plant has a treatment capacity of 300,000 m³ per day and is designed for a Population Equivalent of 1,000,000 units. The Allahamah Plant treats a significant part of wastewater coming from the city of Al Ain, located in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. This Plant has a treatment capacity of 130,000 m³ per day and is designed for a Population Equivalent of 650,000 units. The owner of these two plants is Al Wathba Veolia Besix Waste Water PJSC, a Special Purpose Company which was incorporated in 2008 for this specific project. It is a joint-venture between the government of Abu Dhabi, represented by ADWEA, and two private companies; Veolia and Besix. <http://www.istp2.ae/>