

# Press release

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Middle East – Municipal Waste

## First waste management contract for Veolia in Oman

**Be'ah, Oman Environmental Services Holding Company, awards contract to Veolia and Omani partner Al Ramooz National.**

**Oman Environmental Services Holding Company, be'ah, has just awarded Veolia, through its subsidiary Veolia Middle East, and its Omani partner Al Ramooz National LLC, a contract for waste management in the Sultanate of Oman.**

**The seven year contract will focus on establishing the required services across the Governorates of Al-Dhahirah and Al Buraimi, restructure the municipal waste collection services and improve public awareness of waste management.**

The contract will include collection, transportation, and landfilling for the North West region of Oman for municipal waste and will benefit more than 250,000 inhabitants. Veolia will act as the technical leader of the contract and will operate two landfills, whereas Al Ramooz will be in charge of the waste collection and the development of a Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

This waste management contract in the Sultanate of Oman is a milestone for Veolia, its first ever contract for this activity in Oman. This contract shows how seeking complementary local expertise can be a driver of growth. In line with the development ambition of Veolia in the region, partnership with local players is pivotal for creating value in the territories and for the communities.

**Xavier Joseph, CEO Veolia Middle East** said, "Together with our Omani partner Al Ramooz National, Veolia looks forward to supporting Oman and its people with the best-in-class expertise in waste management. Our key focus for this contract will be to contribute to the implementation of the best standards for the waste management operations in the Sultanate, as well as support the Omani economy through in-country value."

**Tariq Ali Al-Amri, Chief Executive Officer of be'ah, Oman Environmental Services Holding Company,** said: "We are pleased to award the contract in line with our strategy and sector takeover plan, and with our aim to provide high level services in association with an experienced international company like Veolia, which has operations around the globe." He continued: "At be'ah, our main goals are to structure the waste sector in a sustainable manner as well as to eliminate the environmental damage incurred during traditional waste dumping processes and to support the economy."

Veolia has been present in Oman since 2006. The Group employs 150 people and is involved in a number of projects in the Sultanate: it recently announced the extension of the Sur desalination plant, located 160 km southwest of Muscat, is now 85% complete. Once finished, the plant will supply drinking water to almost 600,000 residents.

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**About be'ah-** Oman Environmental Services Holding Company S.A.O.C "be'ah" was established in 2007. In 2009, Royal Decree No. 46/2009, granted be'ah the mandate and the legal status as the entity responsible for solid waste management in the Sultanate of Oman. be'ah strives towards a vision to conserve the environment of a beautiful Oman for future generations. be'ah's main objectives are to control environmental damage incurred during traditional waste dumping processes; structure the waste sector and its related services in a sustainable manner; develop the industry; and support the economy. Within this

umbrella, be'ah works on moving towards sustainable waste management practices as per the international standards by establishing the required infrastructure, restructure the municipal waste collection services and improve public awareness of waste management.

#### **About Veolia**

**Veolia** group is the global leader in optimized resource management. With over 174 000 employees worldwide, the Group designs and provides water, waste and energy management solutions that contribute to the sustainable development of communities and industries. Through its three complementary business activities, Veolia helps to develop access to resources, preserve available resources, and to replenish them.

In 2015, the Veolia group supplied 100 million people with drinking water and 63 million people with wastewater service, produced 63 million megawatt hours of energy and converted 42.9 million metric tons of waste into new materials and energy. Veolia Environnement (listed on Paris Euronext: VIE) recorded consolidated revenue of €25 billion (\$30.3 billion) in 2015. [www.veolia.com](http://www.veolia.com)

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