

# Press release

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Europe – Difficult-to-treat pollution

Veolia extends its European Platform for the treatment of Hazardous Waste with the acquisition of the only specialized incineration facility in Spain.

**Veolia, through its specialized subsidiary SARP Industries, has just acquired the only incinerator that treats hazardous waste in Spain, located in Constanti, Catalonia. This facility, one of the most efficient in Europe, has been added to the Group's European Platform for the treatment of Hazardous Waste, which already had 64 sites in nine countries. With this additional facility, Veolia has extended its portfolio and its geographic footprint for the treatment of hazardous waste, and further cemented its position as the European leader in this field.**



Located in the heart of the Tarragona petrochemicals complex, the Constanti facility benefits from Catalonia's dynamic industrial sector. In particular, this region concentrates 40% of Spain's chemicals and pharmaceuticals business, and 30% of its automobile production, which together generate a high volume of liquid, solid and sludge hazardous waste from their industrial processes.

To serve industry, Veolia has created and rolled out a **European Platform for the treatment of Hazardous Waste**. Now with **65 sites in Europe**—France, England, Ireland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Poland, Hungary and Spain—Veolia treats and recovers **2.9 million metric tons** of hazardous waste a year. A pioneer in hazardous waste treatment for 40 years, Veolia has anticipated the new challenges facing its customers and adapted to the European industrial environment. The Group has adopted a Europe-wide approach by significantly specializing its facilities, which complement each other and work together on a daily basis across the entire Continent. In particular, this specialization meets the requirements of Europe's major industrial sectors, such as, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, automobile and energy for which treating hazardous waste and securing the supply of recycled materials are crucial. This strategy provides industrial concerns with a major advantage and makes it possible to meet specific needs while at the same time renewing conventional economic models.

With an annual treatment capacity of 60,000 metric tons, the integration of this facility will raise the annual capacity of the Group's European Platform to 1,100,000 metric tons of hazardous waste, thereby further cementing **its lead position**.

"With this acquisition and the integration of the Constanti facility into our European Platform for Hazardous Waste, Veolia has extended the **provision of its services to industrial concerns in southern Europe**, a region with a shortage of dedicated facilities," explains Jean-François Nogrette, President of SARP Industries, Veolia's specialized subsidiary and the historic stakeholder in the management of hazardous waste. "Hazardous

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waste treatment is a **market with high growth potential**. Our Group, with its innovative processes producing high quality raw materials, has access to unique technology, **expertise and an organization that will underpin its growth in the treatment of difficult-to-treat pollution.**”

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### About Veolia

**Veolia** group is the global leader in optimized resource management. With over 187,000 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 2013, Veolia group supplied 94 million people with drinking water and 62 million people with wastewater service, produced 54 million megawatt hours of energy and converted 38 million metric tons of waste into new materials and energy. Veolia Environnement (Paris Euronext: VIE) recorded consolidated revenue of €23.4 billion\* in 2013. [www.veolia.com](http://www.veolia.com)

*(\*) 2013 pro-forma unaudited figures, including Dalkia International (100%) and excluding Dalkia France. Excluding Transdev employees and revenue currently under divestment.*

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