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Veolia to manage Sinopec’s Beijing Yanshan Petrochemical entire water cycle

Sinopec, Asia’s and China’s largest refiner, has chosen Veolia, through its subsidiary Veolia China, to operate the entire water cycle of its Yanshan petrochemical complex.

The revenues generated by this contract throughout its 25-year duration will be 3.27 billion euros for Veolia. The dedicated joint-venture between Yanshan Petrochemical and Veolia, consolidated by Veolia, will employ more than 800 people.

Located 50 km from downtown Beijing, Yanshan Petrochemical is a fully-owned subsidiary of Sinopec. The complex is one of the largest production bases of synthetic rubber, synthetic resin, phenol acetone and high-quality refined oil products in China. It processes over 10 million tons crude oil and produces 800,000 tons ethylene annually. It can produce 94 varieties with 431 grades of petrochemical products.

Following the mutual trust established through their previous cooperation, Veolia and Beijing Yanshan Petrochemical have chosen to expand the scope of their partnership to the entirety of the water cycle management, including cooling water, demineralized water, industrial water, drinking water, chilled water, waste water and firefighting water of the Yanshan facilities. Veolia will work at optimizing the water consumption within the site and increasing the water recycling rate. A direct result of such optimization will be the decrease in fresh water consumption as well as of Beijing Yanshan Petrochemical’s water footprint, an important achievement in a region that suffers water scarcity and shortages.

Veolia is also in charge of upgrading the wastewater treatment facility to bring it into compliance with the newest and most stringent standard in the Beijing area, and one of the most stringent standards worldwide for water discharge. Finally, the contract also comprises a comprehensive energy optimization program covering all water production facilities onsite. The achieved reduction in energy consumption per m3 of water produced will be a major contribution to Beijing Yanshan Petrochemical’s efforts to reduce its carbon footprint.

Antoine Frérot, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Veolia, declared: “The responsibilities that Sinopec has entrusted Veolia confirm how two companies can partner up to provide the best services in their respective fields. Through this contract, Veolia will help Sinopec implement the best environmental standards and technologies to make its Beijing Yanshan site a reference in China. This contract confirms the refinery sector can perfectly keep producing while being committed to significantly reduce its environmental footprint.”

Veolia has been present in Asia since the 1990s. The Group is currently active in water production and wastewater treatment for public authorities and industrial concerns; municipal, industrial and hazardous waste collection, management and recovery; and energy services. With 14,200 employees in China, Veolia currently manages around 60 contracts in 40 cities. Veolia has been working with Sinopec’s Beijing Yanshan Petrochemical since 2006 when they first signed a partnership for the management of wastewater treatment and wastewater reclaim facilities.
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 in 2015. www.veolia.com

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