

# Press Statement

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## Veolia targets expansion in Ireland

### **Veolia Ireland Country Director, Pat Gilroy said:**

“We are now poised for expansion in the Irish market, targeting double digit growth annually over the next five years and creating 300 new jobs. As we transition to a low carbon economy, it is imperative that companies can access environmentally sustainable solutions. We are setting out to do just that, providing businesses in Ireland with the means to manage their resource needs more efficiently and grow with us in a circular economy.

“We now want to challenge the popular narrative that pits environmental concerns against the needs of business. Our recent report highlighted that adopting “circular economy” principles could contribute €1.65 billion to the Irish economy and create as many as 5,000 jobs over 10 years. Following a recent €450 million deal, we are already set to operate Mayo Renewable Power, Ireland’s largest independent biomass power plant which opens in 2017 that will help provide Ireland with 6% of its renewable energy needs.”

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### **Notes to the Editor**

#### **About Veolia Ireland**

Since 1990, Veolia in Ireland has worked with industry, commercial customers and public authorities to find solutions for the sustainable management of their vital resources. It employs 500 staff across its three business activities in water, waste and energy.

Veolia group is the global leader in optimised resource management. With over 179,000 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 helps to replenish them.

In 2014, the Veolia group supplied 96 million people with drinking water and 60 million people with wastewater service, produced 52 million megawatt hours of energy and converted 31 million metric tons of waste into new materials and energy. Veolia Environnement (listed on Paris Euronext: VIE and NYSE: VE) recorded consolidated revenue of €24.4 billion\* in 2014.

(\* ) 2014 pro-forma figures including Dalkia International (100%) and excluding Dalkia France