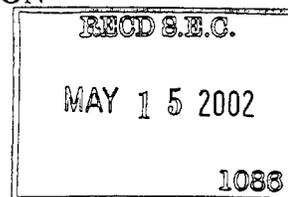


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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULES 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

May 15, 2002

VIVENDI ENVIRONNEMENT
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

36-38, avenue Kléber
75116 Paris, France
(Address of principal executive offices)

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under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained
in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to
Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-_____.

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May 14, 2002

Press Release

**Vivendi Environnement and AXA Private Equity
negotiating LBO of Bonna Sabla**

Vivendi Environnement and AXA Private Equity have started exclusive negotiations in view of the disposal by Vivendi Environnement of Bonna Sabla, a Vivendi Water subsidiary, to AXA Private Equity.

Bonna Sabla is France's leading manufacturer of pre-cast concrete products, operating primarily in civil engineering (water supply, wastewater treatment, urban environment, railroad sleepers). The company currently holds approximately 30% of the French market through local offices providing full nationwide coverage. Bonna Sabla also has operations in the United Kingdom, Spain, Tunisia and Egypt. The company posted €405 million revenue in 2001, of which 25% was generated outside France.

This transaction is part of the non-core asset disposal program announced by Vivendi Environnement.

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Vivendi Environnement (Paris Euronext: VIE, NYSE: VE) is world leader in environmental services. The company has operations all around the world and provides tailored solutions to meet the needs of industrial and municipal customers in four complementary segments: water, waste, energy and passenger transportation. Vivendi Environnement recorded revenue of €29.1 billion in 2001.

AXA Private Equity, the AXA Group subsidiary that specializes in private equity investments, covers all aspects of capital investment (LBO, Growth Expansion, Recovery, and Funds of Funds). The company carries out its LBO activity through two investment funds, and manages or advises funds totaling over €4 billion for some of the world's major international investors.

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Press release also available on <http://vivendienvironnement-finance.com>

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: ^o May 15, 2002

VIVENDI ENVIRONNEMENT

By: _____

Name: Jérôme Contamine

Title: Chief Financial Officer