

**Press release**

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## **Growth in line with targets for Q1 2007**

### **Extension of operating license at Hombourg**

#### **Growth targets confirmed for 2007:**

- **HIW: first months of 2007 in line with expectations**
- **NHIW – HW: high growth trend (after adjustment for non-current items in 2006)**
- **Upstream activities: strength of global offers and decontamination activities**

#### **Extension of operating license: capacity doubled at the Hombourg site**

Consolidated revenue at March 31, 2007 amounted to EUR 87.9 million, an increase of 2.3% on proforma revenue for Q1 2006.

After adjusting for the non-current business in the first quarter of 2006, consolidated growth for the period came out at nearly 6%.

In particular:

- The apparent growth in NHIW – HW activities was attributed to the strong base effect linked to the technical shutdown of incinerators in 2006. The division's growth, adjusted for this impact, came out at about 14% for the period.

Moreover:

- HIW treatment in France (notably incineration and Class 1 storage) rose in line with targets, even if the poor performance of Tribel (Brazil) had a negative impact on the division's growth at the consolidated level;
- Upstream activities benefited from the strong performance of the decontamination business and global offers;
- International activities posted a 2.8% drop in revenue over the period (at constant exchange rates) from EUR 6.9 million to EUR 6.7 million.

Consolidated data

As at March 31 In EUR m	2006 reported data	2006 proforma data	2007	Change 2007/2006 proforma
HIW <sup>1</sup>	54.0	53.7	54.6	+ 1.7%
NHIW – HW <sup>2</sup>	21.5	21.4	21.3	- 0.2%
Upstream activities	10.6	10.8	11.9	+ 10.1%
<b>Consolidated revenue</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>+ 2.3%</b>

Consolidated revenue on a proforma basis and at constant exchange rates stood at EUR 86.1 million at March 31, 2006.

### Growth targets confirmed for 2007

With its positioning on markets based on consistently buoyant fundamentals and its high treatment capacities available, Séché Environnement has strong visibility in terms of its activity in the medium term.

In the coming months, the HIW division will report sustained growth, bolstered by the treatment of polluted soils collected during decontamination operations led in late 2006.

The NHIW-HW division will continue its fast-pace growth in a market favoring the few certified players with available storage capacities.

Excluding the impact of one-off decontamination contracts, Séché Environnement confirms its organic revenue growth of around 7% of consolidated revenue.

### Extension of operating licenses in Hombourg

The Hombourg site (Haut-Rhin region) is one of the largest in France, specialized in the physical-chemical treatment of liquid hazardous industrial waste, notably mineral effluents containing heavy metals (alkalines, chromium, bromium ...). It is also active in the collection of toxic waste in dispersed quantities and hazardous household waste.

The extension of operating licenses granted in early April will enable the site to double its capacity to treat, collect and transfer this type of waste and also expand into new businesses, notably the transit and treatment of polluted soils (biocenter).

This extension reinforces the Group's growth prospects on the high value-added markets of hazardous waste.

#### Calendar:

Release of consolidated revenue as at June 30, 2007:

July 26, 2007

Release of consolidated results as at June 30, 2007:

August 28, 2007

<sup>1</sup> HIW: hazardous industrial waste

<sup>2</sup> NHIW – HW: non-hazardous industrial waste – household waste

## About Séché Environnement

*Séché Environnement is one of the leading players in the treatment and storage of all types of non-radioactive industrial and household waste in France. Its facilities enable it to offer high-quality global solutions that incorporate all environmental requirements.*

*It is the leading independent operator in the country with a unique positioning in activities downstream of waste collection, concentrating on the higher added-value end of the waste management and storage markets.*

*The Group offers integrated specialized services:*

- *the treatment (by incineration, physical-chemical treatment and solvent regeneration) and processing for energy recovery of hazardous and non-hazardous industrial waste (HIW and NHIW);*
- *final waste storage for industrial clients (HIW or NHIW) and household waste (HW).*

*Séché Environnement has been quoted on Eurolist (compartment B) by Euronext since November 27, 1997.*

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