

News Release

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Reed Elsevier N.V. announces that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (AGM), held in Amsterdam on 22 April, approved the 2014 financial statements and determined the total dividend for 2014 at € 0.589 per ordinary share of € 0.07 nominal value. After taking account of the interim dividend paid in August 2014 of € 0.151 per ordinary share the final dividend is € 0.438 per ordinary share.

Further, the resolutions on the simplification of the corporate structure, including the bonus share issue, and the change of the corporate name of Reed Elsevier N.V. to RELX N.V. were adopted.

The timetable for the bonus share issue is expected to be as follows:

| 30 June 2015 | last day of trading cum-bonus |
|--------------|--|
| 1 July 2015 | the effective date of the bonus issue and name change / $\mbox{ex-bonus}\ \mbox{date}^{1}$ |
| 2 July 2015 | record date for bonus share issue in the Netherlands |
| 3 July 2015 | settlement date for bonus share issue (Netherlands) |
| 3 July 2015 | NYSE closed due to public holiday |
| 6 July 2015 | settlement date for bonus share issue (US) |

All other resolutions were approved by the AGM. Today the annual general shareholders' meeting of Reed Elsevier PLC also approved the simplification of the corporate structure, including the bonus share issue by Reed Elsevier N.V., and the change of the corporate name to RELX PLC.

The results of the voting on each resolution are set out below:

Resolution For % Against % Votes withheld 4. Adoption of the 2014 **Annual Financial Statements** 578,845,805 99.93 396,219 0.07 5,392,246 5.a Release from liability of executive directors 570,332,632 98.76 7,176,747 1.24 7,124,891 5.b Release from liability of non-executive directors 570,078,460 98.76 7,176,019 1.24 7,379,791 6. Determination and distribution of dividend 578,539,377 99.34 3,818,372 0.66 2,276,521 7. Appointment of external auditors 97.42 2.58 567,364,444 15,047,655 2,222,171

¹ The old ADRs will be suspended and the new ADRs under the new CUSIP, name and symbol will start trading. The new ADRs will reflect the ratio change so that they each represent one Reed Elsevier NV ordinary share (from their current 2 to 1 ratios) respectively.

| Resolution | For | % | Against | % | Votes withheld |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|-------|-------------------|
| 8a. Re-appointment | | | | | |
| Anthony Habgood | 580,776,392 | 99.66 | 1,987,471 | 0.34 | 1,870,407 |
| 8b. Re-appointment of | | | | | |
| Wolfhart Hauser | 572,672,775 | 98.27 | 10,091,088 | 1.73 | 1,870,407 |
| 8c. Re-appointment Adrian | | | | | |
| Hennah | 573,934,268 | 99.30 | 4,027,126 | 0.70 | 6,672,876 |
| 8d. Re-appointment Lisa | | | | | |
| Hook | 556,452,966 | 98.40 | 9,053,489 | 1.60 | 19,127,815 |
| 8e. Re-appointment Marike | | | | | |
| van Lier Lels | 581,841,724 | 99.84 | 928,139 | 0.16 | 1,864,407 |
| 8f. Re-appointment Robert | | | | | |
| Polet | 461,912,217 | 81.29 | 106,346,317 | 18.71 | 16,375,736 |
| 8g. Re-appointment Linda | | | | | |
| Sanford | 579,291,598 | 99.40 | 3,479,467 | 0.60 | 1,863,205 |
| 8h. Re-appointment Ben van | | | | | |
| der Veer | 577,256,086 | 99.05 | 5,513,777 | 0.95 | 1,864,407 |
| 9a. Re-appointment Erik | | | | | |
| Engstrom | 580,987,328 | 99.69 | 1,783,362 | 0.31 | 1,863,580 |
| 9b. Re-appointment Nick | | | | | |
| Luff | 579,327,914 | 99.41 | 3,442,776 | 0.59 | 1,863,580 |
| 10a. Amendment articles of | | | | | |
| association to allow | | | | | |
| cancellation R Shares | 582,379,809 | 100.00 | 11,503 | 0.00 | 2,242,958 |
| 10b. Cancellation all R | | | | | |
| Shares with repayment | 582,379,809 | 100.00 | 11,503 | 0.00 | 2,242,958 |
| 10c. Amendment articles of | | | | | |
| association to delete all | | | | | |
| references to R Shares | 582,379,619 | 100.00 | 11,693 | 0.00 | 2,242,958 |
| 11a. Issue of bonus shares | 575,261,281 | 99.33 | 3,904,447 | 0.67 | 5,468,542 |
| 11b. Proposal to exclude | | | | | |
| any pre-emptive rights to | | | | | |
| issue of bonus shares | 575,140,198 | 99.24 | 4,409,792 | 0.76 | 5,084,280 |
| 12. Change of corporate | | | | | |
| name of the Company | 582,341,677 | 99.99 | 50,302 | 0.01 | 2,242,291 |
| 13a. Delegation to the | | | | | |
| Board of the authority to | | | | | |
| acquire shares in the | | | | | |
| Company | 560,617,029 | 96.71 | 19,060,080 | 3.29 | 4,957,161 |
| 13b. Proposal to reduce the | | | | | |
| capital of the Company by | | | | | |
| cancellation of up to 30 | | | | | |
| million ordinary shares held | | | | | |
| in treasury | 581,726,681 | 99.82 | 1,043,862 | 0.18 | 1,863,727 |
| 14a. Designation of the | | | | | |
| Board as authorised body to | | | | | |
| issue shares and to grant | | | | | |
| rights to acquire shares in | | | | | |
| the capital of the Company | 511,163,342 | 87.72 | 71,531,238 | 12.28 | 1,939,690 |

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| 14b. Extension of the | | | | | |
| designation of the Board as | | | | | |
| authorised body to limit or | | | | | |
| exclude pre-emptive rights | | | | | |
| to the issuance of shares | 506,784,719 | 86.97 | 75,901,759 | 13.03 | 1,947,792 |

Note:

Votes 'withheld' are not counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes 'for' or 'against' a resolution.

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