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## **Reed Elsevier announces appointment of David Reid as Senior Independent Director**

**Reed Elsevier today announced the appointment of David Reid as Senior Independent Director of Reed Elsevier PLC and Reed Elsevier NV. Mr Reid succeeds Rolf Stomberg, who will be retiring on 31 December 2007.**

Mr Reid, aged 60, was appointed Non-Executive director of Reed Elsevier Group plc and Reed Elsevier PLC in 2003 and has been a member of the Supervisory Board of Reed Elsevier NV since that date. He is also Non-Executive Chairman of Tesco PLC and Chairman of Kwik-Fit Group.

As a result of the forthcoming retirement of Rolf Stomberg, currently Non-Executive director of Reed Elsevier Group plc and Reed Elsevier PLC and a member of the Supervisory Board of Reed Elsevier NV, the joint Corporate Governance Committee has reviewed the composition of the Group's Board Committees.

### **Remuneration Committee**

Mark Elliott will assume the role of Chairman of the Remuneration Committee for Reed Elsevier Group plc in succession to Rolf Stomberg. Lisa Hook and Robert Polet are appointed to the Remuneration Committee.

### **Nominations Committee**

Mark Elliott and David Reid are appointed to the joint Nominations Committee for Reed Elsevier PLC and Reed Elsevier NV.

### **Corporate Governance Committee**

Robert Polet is appointed to the joint Corporate Governance Committee for Reed Elsevier PLC and Reed Elsevier NV.

The full composition of the Committees of the Boards is as follows :

**Audit Committees for Reed Elsevier PLC, Reed Elsevier NV and Reed Elsevier Group plc:**

Lord Sharman (Chairman)  
David Reid  
Strauss Zelnick  
Lisa Hook

**Remuneration Committee for Reed Elsevier Group plc:**

Mark Elliott (Chairman)  
Jan Hommen  
Lisa Hook  
Robert Polet  
Rolf Stomberg (until 31 December 2007)

**Joint Nominations Committee for Reed Elsevier PLC and Reed Elsevier NV:**

Jan Hommen (Chairman)  
Sir Crispin Davis  
Mark Elliott  
David Reid  
Lord Sharman  
Rolf Stomberg (until 31 December 2007)

**Joint Corporate Governance Committee for Reed Elsevier PLC and Reed Elsevier NV (composed of all non-executive directors) :**

Jan Hommen (Chairman)  
Dien de Boer Kruyt  
Mark Elliott  
Lisa Hook  
Robert Polet  
David Reid  
Lord Sharman  
Rolf Stomberg (until 31 December 2007)  
Strauss Zelnick

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