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Reed Elsevier Announces Appointment of Robert Polet as Non-Executive Director

Reed Elsevier has today announced that Robert Polet has been proposed for election as a Non-Executive Director of Reed Elsevier PLC and as a member of the Supervisory Board of Reed Elsevier NV at the respective Annual General Meetings on 17 and 18 April 2007.

Cees van Lede will retire after four years of service as a non-executive director of Reed Elsevier PLC and a member of the Supervisory Board of Reed Elsevier NV at the conclusion of the respective Annual General Meetings.

Mr Polet, aged 51, brings with him nearly three decades of global management experience, strong marketing skills and a deep knowledge of the development of brands. Since July 2004 he has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Gucci Group. Prior to joining Gucci Group, Mr Polet spent 26 years at Unilever working in a variety of marketing and senior executive positions throughout the world including President of Unilever's Worldwide Ice Cream and Frozen Foods division.

Mr Polet, a Dutch national, studied business administration at Nijenrode in the Netherlands and earned an MBA from the University of Oregon, USA.

Jan Hommen, Chairman of Reed Elsevier, comments: "Robert Polet's extensive marketing skills and a record of entrepreneurial leadership will be of great value to Reed Elsevier's strategic development. We are delighted to recommend his appointment to our AGMs next month.

"We would also like to thank Cees van Lede for the significant contribution and wise counsel provided during his four year period at Reed Elsevier."

There are no further matters to be disclosed under LR 9.6.13R of the Listing Rules of the UK Listing Authority.

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Notes to editors

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