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Reed Elsevier completes sale of defence exhibitions

Reed Elsevier has today announced the sale of the DSEi, ITEC and LAAD defence exhibitions to Clarion Events Limited. The sale is effective immediately.

The sale of these three exhibitions to Clarion Events completes Reed Exhibitions' withdrawal from the defence exhibitions sector announced in 2007.

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The exhibitions which have been sold are as follows:

DSEi (Defence Systems and Equipment International) is held every two years in London and is the world's fastest growing defence exhibition

ITEC is a training and simulation exhibition held every year in different European cities

LAAD (Latin American Aero and Defence) is held every two years in Rio de Janeiro