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Reed Elsevier NV announces that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders (EGM), held in Amsterdam on 26 May 2009, a resolution to appoint Anthony Habgood as a member of the Supervisory Board was approved. The result of the voting on the resolution was:

For 315,643,579 Against 465,145 Votes withheld 10,388

As previously announced on 21 April 2009, Mr Habgood's appointment as a member and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Reed Elsevier NV, and as non-executive Chairman of Reed Elsevier PLC and Reed Elsevier Group plc, will take effect on 1 June 2009.

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