

News Release

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Reed Elsevier announces new non-executive director

Reed Elsevier has today announced the appointment of Mr Ben van der Veer RA as a non-executive director of Reed Elsevier PLC and of Reed Elsevier Group plc with effect from 3 September 2009, and as a member of the supervisory board of Reed Elsevier NV, subject to approval by Reed Elsevier NV's shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting to be held on 3 September 2009. Mr Van der Veer will be appointed to the audit committees, effective the same date.

Ben van der Veer held the position of chairman of the executive board of KPMG in the Netherlands from 1999 – 2008 and was a member of the KPMG International board and management committee. He is a member of the supervisory boards of AEGON NV, TomTom NV and Siemens Nederland NV.

Commenting on the appointment Anthony Habgood, Chairman of Reed Elsevier, said "I am delighted that Ben van der Veer will be joining Reed Elsevier as a non-executive director. He brings extensive business and financial experience."

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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