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RE: Reed Elsevier PLC and Reed Elsevier NV (the Company)

File No. 001-13334 and 001-13688

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Dear Mr. Armour:

We have completed our review of your Form 20-F and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Michael Fay Branch Chief