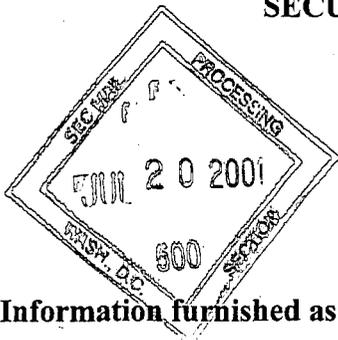


SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Joint Report of Foreign Issuers

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934



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Information furnished as at: July 12, 2001

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Reed International P.L.C. and Elsevier NV

REED INTERNATIONAL P.L.C.
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrants furnish or will furnish annual reports under cover
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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this
form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b)
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes No

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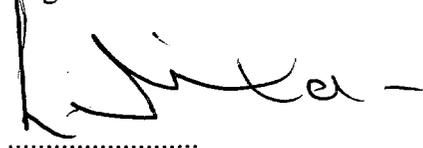
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants have duly caused this Report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Reed International P.L.C.

Registrant



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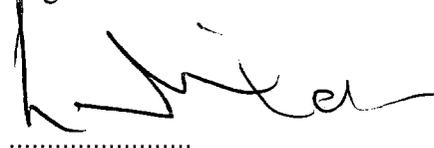
By: L DIXON

Title: Deputy Secretary

Date: 12 July 2001

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Registrant



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Title: Authorised Signatory

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