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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

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



Information furnished as at 17 June 2002

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REED ELSEVIER PLC

(Registrant)

**25 Victoria Street
LONDON SW1H 0EX
ENGLAND**

(Address of principal executive office)

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Form 20-F

Form 40-F

(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

Schedule of Information contained in this Report

Notification to the London Stock Exchange concerning the disclosure of interest in voting shares in Reed Elsevier PLC by Barclays PLC and its subsidiary companies.

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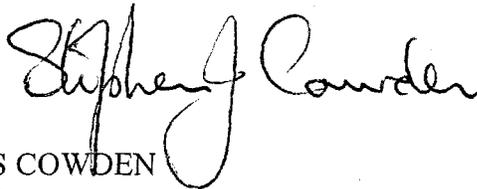
The London Stock Exchange
Company Announcements Office
LONDON
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Dear Sirs

AVS Security Number: 124018
Disclosure of Interest in Voting Shares

I am writing to inform you that we have received today a notification dated 14 June 2002, in accordance with Part VI of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), that the interest of Barclays PLC, and its subsidiary companies, in the ordinary shares of Reed Elsevier PLC is 39,600,622 shares, representing 3.12% of the Company's current issued share capital.

Yours faithfully
for **REED ELSEVIER PLC**


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Company Secretary

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