

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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This Report is a joint Report on Form 6-K filed by
REED ELSEVIER PLC and REED ELSEVIER NV



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(Registrant)

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Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Yes ... No

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Schedule of Information contained in this Report

Interim Statement for the six months ended 30 June 2002, containing the results of the Reed Elsevier combined businesses together with summary results for both Reed Elsevier PLC, and Reed Elsevier NV, which was mailed to Reed Elsevier PLC shareholders today, and made available to Reed Elsevier NV shareholders, also from today.

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