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Retirement of Pat Tierney from Reed Elsevier

Reed Elsevier today announced the retirement of Pat Tierney from the boards of Reed Elsevier with immediate effect. This follows completion of the sale of Reed Elsevier's Harcourt Education division.

Pat Tierney has served as an executive director of Reed Elsevier PLC and Reed Elsevier Group plc and as an executive board member of Reed Elsevier NV since 2003, and was Chief Executive of Harcourt Education.

Sir Crispin Davis, Chief Executive Officer of Reed Elsevier, said:

"I would like to thank Pat for his five years of committed leadership of Harcourt Education, the experience he brought to the Boards of Reed Elsevier, and for his valuable contribution to the successful sale of the education business."

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