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## **ISSUED ON BEHALF OF REED ELSEVIER PLC AND REED ELSEVIER NV**

### **Transactions in own shares**

Reed Elsevier PLC announces that today, it purchased (through UBS Limited) 120,600 Reed Elsevier PLC ordinary shares at a price of 1152.0786p per share. The purchased shares will be held as treasury shares. Following the above purchase, Reed Elsevier PLC holds 73,069,585 ordinary shares in treasury, and has 1,132,538,145 ordinary shares in issue (excluding treasury shares). Since 2 January 2015 Reed Elsevier PLC has purchased 3,371,250 shares.

Reed Elsevier NV announces that today, it purchased (through UBS Limited) 69,800 Reed Elsevier NV ordinary shares at a price of €21.6892 per share. The purchased shares will be held as treasury shares. Following the above purchase, Reed Elsevier NV holds 43,250,044 ordinary shares in treasury, and has 654,162,866 ordinary shares in issue (excluding treasury shares). Since 2 January 2015 Reed Elsevier NV has purchased 1,951,500 shares.