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Christopher Jones named President and CEO of Harcourt Education International

Orlando, FL – Harcourt, Inc., a leading K-12 education company and a part of Reed Elsevier Group plc, announced today that it has appointed Christopher Jones as President and CEO of Harcourt Education International, the company's UK-based educational publishing unit. He will replace current President and CEO John Philbin, who is retiring. Mr. Jones will be based in Oxford, England and will report to Harcourt, Inc. President and CEO Patrick Tierney.

Jones joins Harcourt from LexisNexis Group, where since 2001 he has served as Senior Vice President, LexisNexis Risk Management Group, a \$180 million revenue business with 650 employees. Jones was business leader for the unit, which under his leadership experienced revenue growth at a compound annual growth rate of 23%, compared to market growth of 10% over the same period. Jones previously served as Senior Vice President, Head of Electronic Product Development for the LexisNexis Group, and as Managing Director of LexisNexis Europe. Harcourt, Inc. and LexisNexis Group are both parts of global publisher and information provider Reed Elsevier Group plc.

Previously, Jones served as Group Director, Financial Times Electronic Publishing with the London-based Financial Times Group. He began his career in publishing as a sales representative and later as General Manager for the direct marketing arm of Emap plc, a European media group.

John Philbin has served as CEO of Harcourt Education International (previously Reed Educational and Professional Publishing) since 1998 and in various other senior roles for Reed Elsevier since 1988.

“John Philbin has been an outstanding leader for Harcourt Educational International and has made many contributions to the success of Reed Elsevier over the years,” said Tierney. “We are fortunate to have someone as capable as Chris Jones to step into this role. Chris is an experienced manager with a strong international background, and he has an impressive track record of delivering revenue and earnings growth. He also brings with him extensive expertise in electronic publishing.”

Harcourt Education International publishes instructional materials for primary and secondary students and resources for education professionals around the world, under the Ginn, Heinemann, and Rigby brands. The group has publishing operations in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, and Southern Africa. For further information, please visit <http://www.harcourteducation.co.uk>.

About Harcourt

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