23 Principal subsidiary undertaking

The principal subsidiary undertaking is:

		% holding
Reed Holding BV		
Incorporated in the Netherlands	41 ordinary shares	100%
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Reed Holding BV owns 4,679,249 shares of a separate class in Reed Elsevier NV, giving Reed Elsevier PLC a 5.8% indirect equity interest in Reed Elsevier NV.