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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 6-K
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
April 30, 2012
Reed Elsevier PLC**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

1-3 Strand
London
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(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F: Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934: Yes No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): n/a

Notification of major interest in shares

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Reed Elsevier PLC

Date: 04/30/2012

By: /s/ M E Woods _____

Name: M E Woods

Title: Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Description

99.1

Notification of Major Interest in Shares

For filings with the FSA include the annex

For filings with issuer exclude the annex

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARESⁱ

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are

attached: ⁱⁱ

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2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

X

An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached

An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify):

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: ⁱⁱⁱ

Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC

JPMorgan Chase Bank London

The Bank of NY London

Mellon Bank London

State Street Bank and Trust

4. Full name of shareholder(s)

(if different from 3.):^{iv}

5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: ^v

April 26, 2012

6. Date on which issuer notified:

April 27, 2012

7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: ^{vi, vii}

5%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares ^{viii, ix}

Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights	Number of shares	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights ^x	
			Direct	Direct ^{xi}	Indirect ^{xii}	Direct	Indirect
Ordinary .1444 GB00B2B0DG97					61,422,250		5.04%

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date ^{xiii}	Exercise/ Conversion Period ^{xiv}	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights
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C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments^{xv, xvi}

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date ^{xvii}	Exercise/ Conversion period ^{xviii}	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights ^{xix, xx}
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Nominal Delta

Total (A+B+C)

Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
61,422,250	5.04%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:^{xxi}

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the proxy holder:

11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:

12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:

13. Additional information:

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14. Contact name:

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15. Contact telephone number:

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