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Harcourt Achieve names new CFO

Executive to bring fresh perspective, new energy to company

AUSTIN, Texas – Harcourt Achieve announced today the appointment of Martijn Tel as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer.

Tel has been in the Reed-Elsevier family – of which Harcourt Achieve is a part – since 1994. Most recently, he served as CFO of Classroom Connect, a Harcourt Education company, in San Francisco.

Tel, who received a master's degree in Business Economy and Financial Economy from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, began his career in Amsterdam as an assistant to the Corporate Controller for Elsevier Science. He became Business Controller for ScienceDirect in New York City in 1997, and was subsequently promoted several times within Elsevier Science, serving as CFO of ScienceDirect and then as CFO for Elsevier Electronic Publishing and Global Sales.

“Martijn comes to us with a superb track record of results,” Harcourt Achieve President and CEO Tim McEwen said. “He is an experienced and savvy financial executive with a reputation for adding value through creative strategic thinking and driving process, system and control improvements.

“I am certain that Martijn will bring a fresh perspective, rigor and energy to Harcourt Achieve.”

About Harcourt Achieve

Harcourt Achieve produces learning solutions and content that fundamentally and positively changes the lives of young and adult learners. Published under the Rigby and Steck-Vaughn imprints, its products are based on a developmental philosophy that assesses learners' skills, matches them to appropriate content and accelerates them to meet and exceed expectations. The Steck-Vaughn imprint offers easy-to-use, innovative learning solutions that accelerate content-area knowledge and reading skills, allowing learners to meet and exceed expectations. The Rigby imprint offers

progressive learning solutions for reading instruction that provide differentiated instruction to match students' instructional levels. For more information, please visit <http://www.HarcourtAchieve.com>.

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