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16 May 2002

Securities and Exchange Commission
Division of Corporation Finance
450 Fifth Street NW
Washington DC 20549
USA



Re: Brambles Industries plc
Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption (File No. 82-5205)

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

The enclosed information is being submitted by Brambles Industries plc (the "Company") under paragraph (b) (1) (i) of Rule 12g3-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). The Company's file number is indicated in the upper right hand corner of each unbound page submitted with this letter.

In accordance with paragraphs (b) (4) and (b) (5) of the Rule, the documents submitted with this letter are being submitted with the understanding that such documents will not be deemed "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and that neither this letter nor the submission of such documents shall constitute an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the Exchange Act.

Yours faithfully,

Sandra Walters

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Assistant Company Secretary

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NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

- 1) Name of company
Brambles Industries plc
- 2) Name of shareholder having a major interest
The Capital Group Companies, Inc.
- 3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18

On behalf of its affiliates
- 4) Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

See list appended
- 5) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

Not advised
- 6) Percentage of issued class

Not advised
- 7) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

N/A
- 8) Percentage of issued class

N/A
- 9) Class of security

Ordinary shares of 5p each
- 10) Date of transaction

N/A
- 11) Date company informed

16 May 2002
- 12) Total holding following this notification

101,366,000
- 13) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

14.01%

- 14) Any additional information
N/A
- 15) Name of contact and telephone number for queries
Sandra Walters - 020 7659 6039
- 16) Name of authorised company official responsible for making this notification
Lorraine Young, Company Secretary
Date of notification 16 May 2002

Details of Registered Holders

Capital Guardian Trust Company 4.90%

State Street Nominees Limited	5,618,600
Bank of New York Nominees	779,881
Chase Nominees Limited	14,616,778
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd.	197,000
Midland Bank plc	6,305,800
Bankers Trust	1,692,500
Barclays Bank, Barclays Global Securities Services	667,300
Citibank London	468,359
Nortrust Nominees	4,488,900
Royal Bank of Scotland	21,200
MSS Nominees Limited	50,000
Citibank NA	28,000
ROY Nominees Limited	40,500
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	477,790
Total	35,452,608

Capital International Limited 2.04%

State Street Nominees Limited	533,481
Bank of New York Nominees	1,509,791
Chase Nominees Limited	3,575,838
Midland Bank plc	283,198
Bankers Trust	2,984,269
Barclays Bank, Barclays Global Securities Services	152,700
Citibank London	96,426
Morgan Guaranty	252,945
Nortrust Nominees	2,645,096
Royal Bank of Scotland	39,500
MSS Nominees Limited	194,000
State Street Bank & Trust Co	253,186
Lloyds Bank	94,300
Citibank NA	42,600

Deutsche Bank AG	453,600
HSBC Bank plc	685,100
Northern Trust AVFC	220,400
KAS UK	36,715
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	299,000
Bank One London	298,180
Clydesdale Bank plc	105,800
Total	14,756,125

Capital International S.A. 1.49%

State Street Nominees Limited	344,200
Bank of New York Nominees	77,500
Chase Nominees Limited	4,581,754
Credit Suisse London Branch	83,000
Midland Bank plc	1,296,300
Barclays Bank, Barclays Global Securities Services	905,400
Citibank London	36,000
Nortrust Nominees	23,700
Morgan Stanley	26,500
Royal Bank of Scotland	2,401,326
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	35,000
National Westminster Bank	213,300
Lloyds Bank	38,256
RBSTB Nominees Ltd.	140,500
Citibank NA	53,300
Deutsche Bank AG	311,100
HSBC Bank plc	189,140
Total	10,756,176

Capital International Inc. 0.09%

State Street Nominees Limited	128,498
Bank of New York Nominees	24,800
Midland Bank plc	35,500
Deutsche Bank Mannheim	45,000
Bankers Trust	19,000
Citibank London	14,300
Nortrust Nominees	290,000
State Street Bank & Trust Co	82,000
Deutsche Bank AG	30,000
Total	669,098

Capital Research and Management Company 5.49%

State Street Nominees Limited	4,031,993
Chase Nominees Limited	35,700,000
Total	39,731,993

Europe Pacific Growth Fund 4.38% 31,700,000