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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

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US FEDERAL COURT RE-AFFIRMS CHEP'S CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP OF PALLETS

CHEP USA is involved from time to time in legal cases in the US, as management takes initiatives to work with pallet recyclers to recover CHEP pallets.

In that context, Brambles is pleased to note that a favourable decision has been handed down in the case involving Buckeye Diamond Logistics and CHEP USA. This decision reaffirms that CHEP retains ownership of pallets that come into the possession of pallet recyclers, which is an important legal principle in the integrity of the CHEP pallet pool model in the USA.

The Court's decision stated "The evidence demonstrates without question that CHEP has at all times retained ownership in its pallets" and that "the facts conclusively [demonstrate] that CHEP has not given up its right of ownership to those CHEP pallets that are subject of this litigation". Although this decision may be appealed, CHEP remains confident of successfully defending any such action.

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