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At 10.15 am AEDT today, Tom Gorman, Chief Executive Officer and Greg Hayes, Chief Financial Officer, will webcast a presentation of Brambles' results for the half-year ended 31 December 2011. The slides for that webcast presentation are enclosed.

The slides and webcast will be available on the Brambles' website at www.brambles.com.

Yours faithfully **Brambles Limited** 

Robert Gerrard
Group Company Secretary



# Agenda

Business Update & Results Highlights Tom Gorman, CEO

Results Analysis & Outlook Greg Hayes, CFO

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Tom Gorman, CEO



Business Update & Results Highlights

## **Brambles**

# **Key discussion points**

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- Recall divestment process outcome expected by 31 March 2012

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- Europe sales resilient; actions to address cost pressures in Pallets
- RPCs, Containers and emerging markets growing as forecast
- New business wins and sales growth in all Pallets regions

<sup>1</sup> Group Underlying profit comprises Underlying profit, plus profit from Discontinued operations before finance costs, tax and Significant items; forecast provided at 30 June 2011 FX

# **Business Update**

PROGRESS	
Delivering sales growth targets communicated at FY11 results	$\checkmark$
US\$160M of capex in 1H12 reflects growth momentum	<b>√</b>
Progressing as planned; FY12 targets expected to be delivered	<b>√</b>
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Business Update & Results Highlights

# **Brambles**

# Recall update

- Robust operating performance
  - Strong first-half result delivered
  - Annualised first-half net new business US\$45M
  - On track for FY12 guidance
- Divestment process
  - Strong bidder interest
  - Shortlist in place
  - Outcome expected by 31 March 2012



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# **Brambles**

Results Highlights

# Key financial outcomes

Continuing operations		
Sales revenue	US\$2,366M	<b>1</b> 34%
Operating profit	US\$372M	<b>1</b> 21%
Underlying profit	US\$385M	23%
Basic EPS	14.2 US¢	14%

Sales revenue up 9% and Underlying profit up 8% on a pro forma basis<sup>1</sup>

Dividends per share unchanged at 13.0 Australian cents

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### Business Update & Results Highlights

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# Continued market-share growth

(US\$M)	Net new business <sup>1</sup>	Net annualised new business
Pallets - Americas	20	46
Pallets - EMEA	15	26
Pallets - Asia-Pacific	5	6
Total Pallets	40	78
RPCs	15	13
Containers	1	14
Total Pooling Solutions	56	105

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Net new business wins based on pro forma figures, which assume Brambles had owned businesses acquired since 1 July 2010 for all of the prior corresponding period

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### Pallets - Americas: turnaround continues

- Integration of IFCO Pallet Management Services
- Paramount Pallet acquisition in Canada
- Sales revenue up 28% to US\$984M (pro forma1 up 6%)
- Growth in all CHEP regions, especially strong in Latin America
- Key customer wins/extensions: PepsiCo (USA & Brazil);
   La Costeña (Mexico); Unilever (Chile)
- Underlying profit up 29% to US\$158M (pro forma1 up 23%)
- Better Everyday efficiencies delivered in CHEP USA
- Improved CHEP USA customer and pricing mix

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# Pallets - EMEA: resilient sales, cost pressure

- Sales revenue up 5% to US\$673M
- Market weakness in Iberia, UK & Ireland and France
- Continued growth elsewhere in Western Europe, Middle East & Africa and Central & Eastern Europe
- Key customer wins/extensions: Garcia Baquero (Spain); Danone Waters (Poland); Nestlé Waters and Kimberly-Clark (Turkey)
- Underlying profit down 8% to US\$136M
- Inflationary pressure and quality costs in Western Europe
- Ongoing investment in eastward expansion
- Actions being taken to deliver incremental cost improvement

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### Measures to address EMEA cost

1H12 CHALLENGE & IMPACT	
High general inflation, fuel and lumber costs	US\$14M
Development costs/sales mix impacts from eastward expansion	US\$4M

Planned increase in	US\$5M
quality spending	

### **ACTIONS**

- Increased plant and logistics efficiencies identified
- Improved pricing to start to flow through in 2H12
- Targeted actions being taken to reduce overheads
- US\$5M increase in 2H12 vs. 2H11; stabilisation expected in FY13

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### Pallets Asia-Pacific: solid result

- Sales revenue up 15% to US\$187M
- Increased sales volumes in Australia & New Zealand
- · Strong new business growth in Asia
- Key customer wins: Colgate-Palmolive, Murray-Goulburn and Pacific Brands (Australia); Danone Waters and Midea (China); Reckitt Benckiser, Reliance Retail and ITC (India)
- Underlying profit up 17% to US\$36M
- Improving profitability in Asia
- CHEP China on track for run-rate breakeven in 2H12

# RPCs: delivering strong growth

- IFCO performing well; integration of CHEP Europe business
- Pro forma¹ sales revenue up 18% to US\$387M
- Growth in all regions from business expansion
- · Increased penetration, new customers, new products
- Key retailer wins/extensions: Loblaw's (Canada), Brookshire's (USA), Cercosud (Argentina), Sonda (Brazil)
- Amortisation costs from identified intangible assets as previously announced
- · One-off impact of alignment of depreciation policy
- Pro forma<sup>1</sup> Underlying profit up 10% to US\$54M
- Impact of set-up costs on new sales

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# Containers: investing in growth

- Sales revenue up 30% to US\$135M
- · New business wins driving growth
- Key wins/extensions: Automotive Brilliance and CFMA (China),
   Continental, Valeo and Cummins (India); IBCs Unilever Food Solutions,
   Dr Pepper Snapple Group and Kroger (USA); Aerospace Solutions SAS
- Underlying profit up 4% to US\$16M
- Profitable growth in established Catalyst & Chemical and EMEA Auto operations
- US Auto and IBC expansion progressing
- Launch of CHEP Aerospace Solutions

Business Update & Results Highlights

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# Recall: strong first-half performance

- Sales revenue up 9% to US\$418M
- Robust volume increase in Document Management Solutions
- Carton volumes now in excess of 100 million
- Strong new business wins in Americas and Europe
- Operating profit excluding Significant items up 21% to US\$71M
- Restructuring savings drive margin improvement

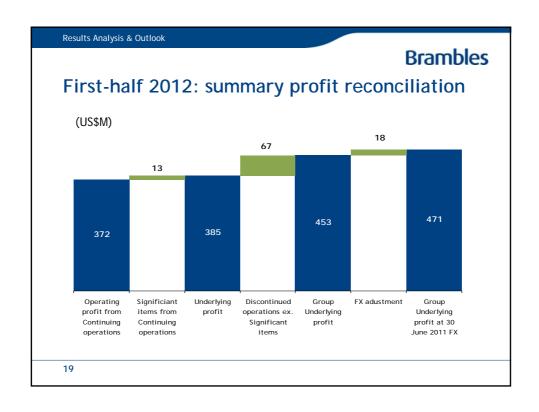
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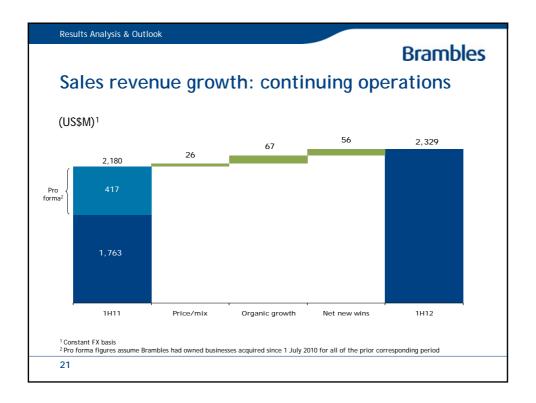
Results Analysis & Outlook

Greg Hayes, CFO





### Results Analysis & Outlook **Brambles** First-half 2012 result Actual FX Constant FX (US\$M) 1H12 1H12 1H11 Change (%) Continuing operations Sales revenue 2,365.5 2,328.8 1,762.5 32% Underlying EBITDA 636.1 628.6 511.5 23% Underlying profit 385.1 382.1 313.7 22% Operating profit 371.7 367.5 306.8 20% Profit before tax 287.9 285.1 249.6 14% Profit after tax 209.8 209.4 177.6 18% 20



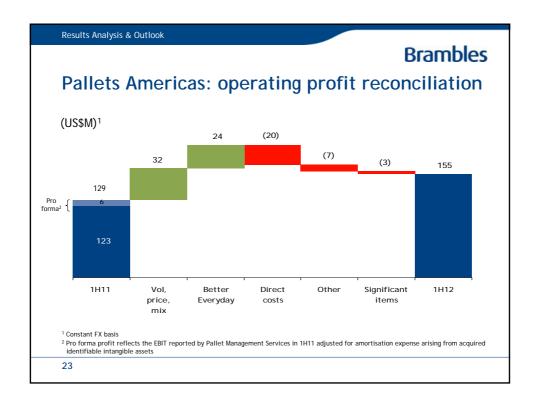
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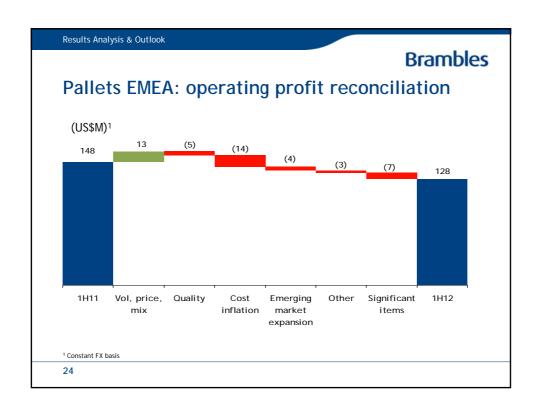
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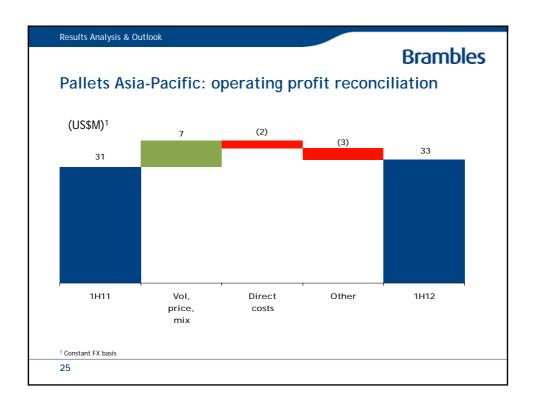
# Pallets: results summary

	Actual FX		ant FX		
(US\$M)	1H12	1H12	1H11	1H11 pro forma <sup>1</sup>	Change (%)
Americas	983.8	984.6	770.0	929.0	6
EMEA	672.8	662.7	642.1	642.1	3
Asia-Pacific	187.0	173.7	162.3	162.3	7
Sales revenue	1,843.6	1,821.0	1,574.4	1,733.4	5
Underlying EBITDA	518.3	510.8	474.4		
Underlying profit	330.2	325.8	302.1	307.7	6
Margin (%)	18	18	19	18	-
Significant items	(8.5)	(9.8)	-		
Operating profit	321.7	316.0	302.1		
Margin (%)	17	17	19		

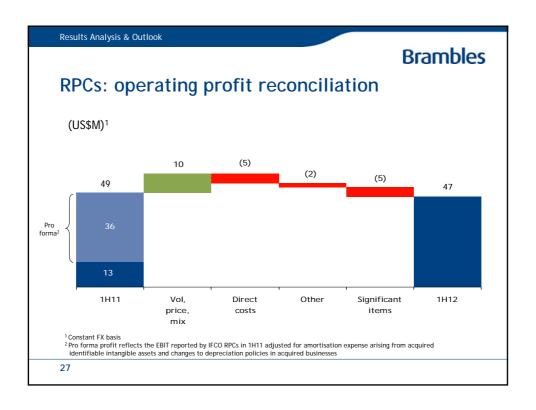
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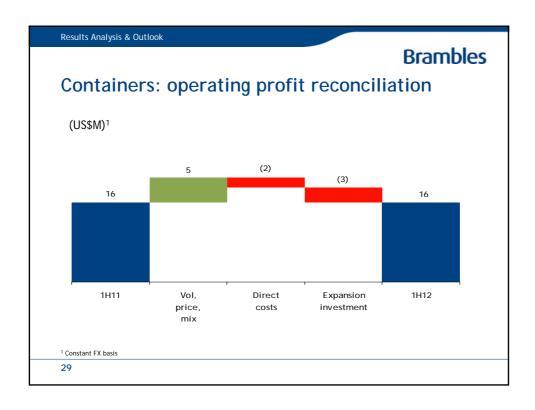




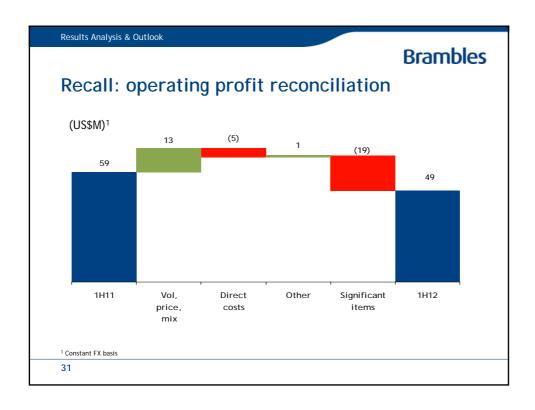
### Results Analysis & Outlook **Brambles** RPCs: results summary Actual FX Constant FX 1H11 pro forma<sup>1</sup> (US\$M) 1H12 1H11 1H12 Change (%) 252.2 Europe 244.6 37.3 211.0 16 North America 70.1 70.1 59.5 18 South America 12.6 12.4 0.8 10.4 19 ANZ & South Africa 49.6 51.8 45.8 45.8 8 Sales revenue 386.7 376.7 326.7 15 Underlying EBITDA 102.1 98.9 25.6 49.3 Underlying profit 54.2 52.0 13.2 5 Margin (%) 14 14 16 15 (1)pp Significant items (5.2) (5.2) 49.0 Operating profit 46.8 13.2 Margin (%) 13 12 16 <sup>1</sup> Pro forma figures assume Brambles had owned businesses acquired since 1 July 2010 for all of the prior corresponding period; pro forma Underlying profit growth is calculated by adjusting prior corresponding period results for amortisation expense arising from acquired identifiable intangible assets and changes to depreciation policies in acquired businesses



### Results Analysis & Outlook **Brambles** Containers: results summary **Actual FX** Constant FX (US\$M) 1H12 1H12 1H11 Change (%) Automotive 78.7 77.1 68.0 CCC 19.6 19.2 17.1 12 **IBCs** 19.3 18.7 14.0 33 Aerospace Solutions 17.6 16.1 5.1 216 131.1 104.2 Sales revenue 135.2 26 **EBITDA** 31.0 30.5 28.5 7 4 Operating profit 16.4 16.3 15.7 Margin (%) 12% 12% (3) 15% 28

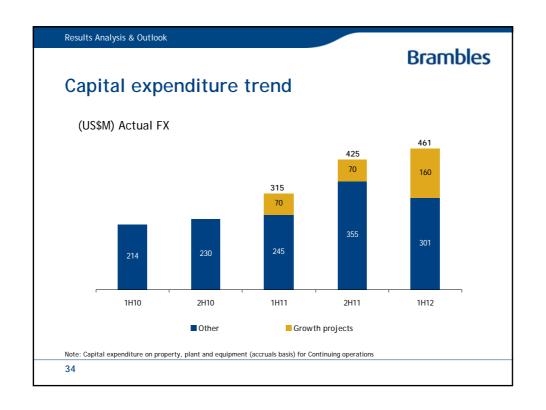


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# Cash Flow & Financing

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Reconciliation: EBITDA to ca	ISN TIOV	V	
(US\$M) Actual FX	1H12	1H11	Change
EBITDA	636.1	511.5	124.6
Capital expenditure	(478.1)	(305.5)	(172.6)
Proceeds from disposals	36.2	39.2	(3.0)
Working capital movement	(75.7)	(6.2)	(69.5)
IPEP expense	55.2	52.7	2.5
Provisions/other	(41.5)	(15.2)	(26.3)
Cash flow from continuing operations	132.2	276.5	(144.3)
Significant items from continuing operations	(13.1)	(13.5)	0.4
Cash flow from discontinued operations (incl. Significant items)	(8.7)	13.1	(21.8)
Cash flow from operations (incl. Significant items)	110.4	276.1	(165.7)
Financing costs and tax	(205.2)	(175.7)	(29.5)
Free cash flow	(94.8)	100.4	(195.2)
Dividends paid	(200.4)	(103.8)	(96.6)
Free cash flow after dividends	(295.2)	(3.4)	(291.8)



Results Analysis & Outlook

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## **Financial metrics**

(Actual FX)	December 11	June 11
Net debt (US\$M)	3,173.9	2,998.8
Gearing <sup>1</sup> (%)	57.6%	55.0%

(Actual FX)	1H12	1H11	Covenants
EBITDA <sup>2</sup> /net finance costs (x)	8.8	10.4	3.5 (min)
Net debt/EBITDA <sup>2</sup> (x)	2.2	1.4	3.5 (max)

• Undrawn committed credit facilities: US\$873M

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Outlook

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gearing defined as net debt to net debt plus equity <sup>2</sup> For the purposes of this calculation, EBITDA includes operating profit from both Continuing and Discontinued operations, after adding back depreciation, amortisation and Significant items outside ordinary activities

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### **Guidance for FY12**

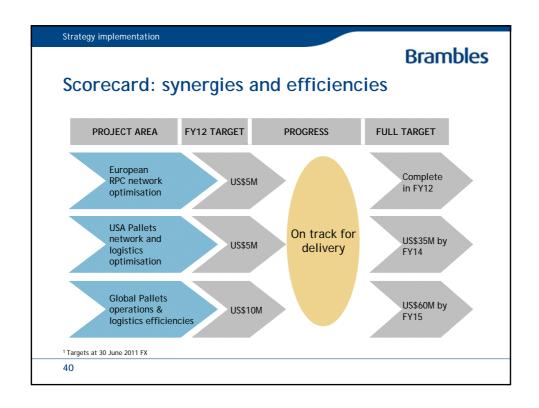
- Subject to unforeseen circumstances and economic uncertainty
- Sales revenue growth in constant FX from all segments
- Group Underlying profit<sup>1</sup> guidance confirmed within tighter range: US\$1,050M to US\$1,080M
  - 30 June 2011 FX<sup>2</sup>
  - Assumes full-year contribution from Recall of US\$180M to US\$195M
  - Prior to Significant items
- Net finance costs approximately US\$170M3
- Tax rate approximately 29%

<sup>1</sup> Includes Continuing and Discontinued operations; includes ~US\$24M from amortisation of identified intangible assets from IFCO acquisition <sup>2</sup> FY11 comparable Underlying profit is US\$882M; 1H12 comparable Underlying profit is US\$471M <sup>3</sup> At 30 June 2011 FX rates

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# Strategy Implementation Tom Gorman, CEO Brambles 20 billion pounds of produce ahipped in IFCO RPCs February 2013

KEY INITIATIVE	PROGRESS	
Business expansion in RPCs, Containers and emerging markets	Delivering sales growth targets communicated at FY11 results	$\checkmark$
US\$550M <sup>1</sup> growth capex program over FY12 and FY13	US\$160M of capex in 1H12 reflects growth momentum	<b>√</b>
US\$100M <sup>1</sup> of synergies and efficiencies by FY15	Progressing as planned; FY12 targets expected to be delivered	✓



### Strategy implementation **Brambles** Scorecard: sales revenue expansion **GROWTH AREA** 1H12 RESULT<sup>1</sup> AUG 11 TARGET<sup>1</sup> At least 15% in each Up 20% to US\$225M Pallets - emerging markets of FY12, FY13 About 15% (pro **RPCs** forma) in each of Up 15% to US\$387M FY12, FY13 Containers - new markets To double at least in Up 258% to US\$25M (US Auto, US IBC, each of FY12, FY13 Aerospace Solutions) <sup>1</sup> Sales growth at constant FX

# Scorecard: Growth capex program

### Actual Forecast Actual FX 30 June 2011 FX Total FY11 1H12 FY12 FY13 FY12/13 110 30<sup>1</sup> 230 80 120 10<sup>1</sup> 10 40 80 120 100 70 90 110 200

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<sup>1</sup> FY11 capex includes contribution from acquired businesses from the point of acquisition only; FY11 pro forma RPCs growth capex, including a full 12-month contribution from IFCO, would have been approximately US\$100M

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Strategy implementation

Initiatives

Solutions

RPCs - new business

Total growth programs

Containers - US Auto/IBC, Aerospace

Pallets - emerging markets growth

# **Summary**

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# First-Half Results Presentation

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# **Appendices**

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### Appendix 1: Glossary of terms and measures

Except where noted, common terms and measures used in this document are based upon the following definitions:

Actual rates In the statutory financial statements, Brambles translates foreign currency results into US dollars at the

applicable actual monthly exchange rates ruling in each period

Brambles Value Added (BVA) Brambles Value Added (BVA) represents the value generated over and above the cost of the capital used to

generate that value

It is calculated using fixed June 2011 exchange rates as:

· Underlying profit; plus

Significant items that are part of the ordinary activities of the business; less
 Average capital invested, adjusted for accumulated pre-tax Significant items that are part of the ordinary activities of the business, multiplied by 12%.

Capital expenditure (capex) Unless otherwise stated, capital expenditure is presented on an accruals basis and excludes intangible assets, investments in associates and equity acquisitions. It is shown gross of any fixed asset disposals proceeds.

Cash flow from operations Cash flow generated after net capital expenditure but excluding Significant items that are outside the

ordinary course of business

Constant currency

Constant currency results are presented by translating both current and comparable period foreign currency results into US dollars at the actual monthly exchange rates applicable in the comparable period, so as to show relative performance between the two periods before the translation impact of currency

fluctuations.

Continuing operations refers to Pallets, RPCs, Containers and Brambles HQ. Continuing operations

Discontinued operations refers primarily to the Recall business. In addition, there were net adjustments to Discontinued operations

divestment provisions made in prior years

Profit after tax, minority interests and Significant items, divided by shares in issue

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### **Appendices**

New business wins

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### Appendix 1: Glossary of terms and measures (continued)

Except where noted, common terms and measures used in this document are based upon the following definitions:

Cash flow generated after net capital expenditure, finance costs and tax, but excluding the net cost of Free cash flow

acquisitions and proceeds from business disposals

Group Underlying profit is Underlying profit, plus profit from Discontinued operations before finance costs, Group Underlying profit tax and Significant items

Brambles defines net new business wins as the change in sales revenue in the reporting period resulting from business won or lost in that period and the previous financial year. The revenue impact of net new business wins is included across reporting periods for a total of 12 months from the date of the win or loss and calculated on a constant currency basis. Brambles defines net annualised new business as the implied sales revenue in 12 months from net new business won during the reporting period.

Operating profit Operating profit is profit before finance costs and tax, as shown in the statutory financial statements

Pallet Management Services, a division of IFCO operating in the USA.

RPC Reusable plastic crate, used to transport fresh produce Sales revenue Excludes revenues of associates and non trading revenue

Shares in issue Based on weighted average shares in issue of 1.479.7M in 1H12: 1.425.4M in 1H11.

Significant items are items of income or expense which are, either individually or in aggregate, material to Brambles or to the relevant business segment and: Significant items

• Outside the ordinary course of business (e.g. gains or losses on the sale or termination of operations, the

cost of significant reorganisations or restructuring); or

 Part of the ordinary activities of the business but unusual due to their size and nature Underlying profit is profit from Continuing operations before finance costs, tax and Significant items.

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Underlying profit

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## Appendix 2: Currency mix - Continuing operations

			1H12 curr	ency mix at	actual FX	
(US\$M)	Total	USD	EUR	GBP	AUD	Other
Sales revenue	2,365.5	838.8	643.6	202.4	203.2	477.5
Operating profit	371.7	103.0	102.2	46.2	20.1	100.2
Net debt <sup>1</sup>	3,173.9	1,753.5	1,328.6	43.1	101.5	(52.8)

<sup>1</sup> Net debt shown after adjustments for impact of financial derivatives

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### Appendices

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Appendix 3: Effective tax rate - Continuing operations

	1H	l12	1H11		
(US\$M) Actual FX	Statutory	Underlying	Statutory	Underlying	
Profit before tax	287.9	301.3	249.6	256.5	
Tax expense	78.1	83.1	72.0	73.0	
Effective tax rate	27.1%	27.6%	28.8%	28.5%	

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## Appendix 4: Significant items - Continuing operations

(US\$M) Actual FX	1H12	1H11
Underlying profit	385.1	313.7
Significant items:		
Acquisition-related costs	(1.4)	(6.9)
Restructuring & IFCO integration costs	(7.9)	-
Pension costs	(5.8)	-
Foreign exchange gain on capital repatriation	1.7	-
Subtotal	(13.4)	(6.9)
Operating profit	371.7	306.8

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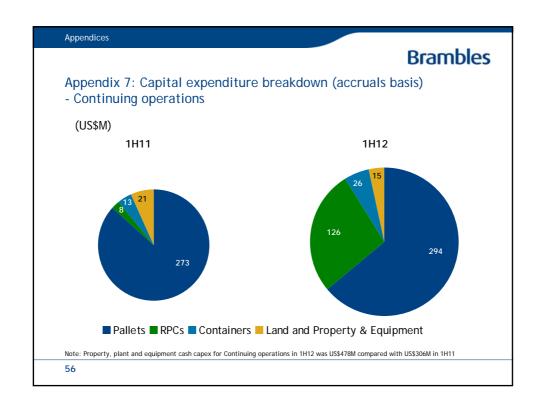
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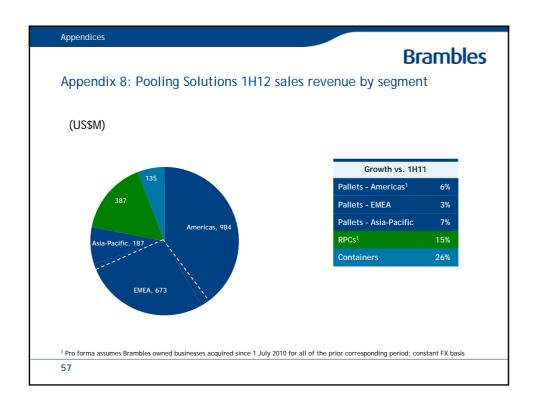
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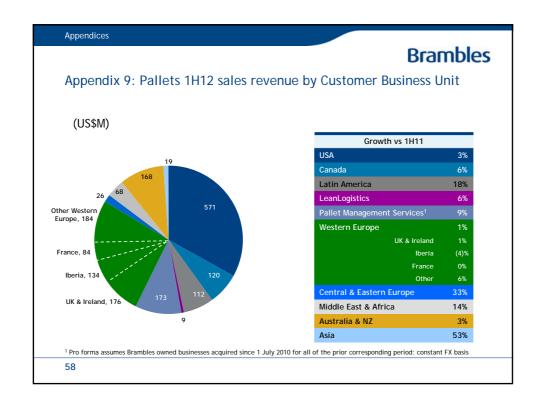
# Appendix 5: Discontinued operations

(US\$M) Actual FX	1H12	1H11
Profit before tax and significant items:		
Recall	71.2	58.8
Other Discontinued operations	(3.8)	-
Subtotal	67.4	58.8
Significant items	(19.5)	0.3
Profit before tax from Discontinued operations	47.9	59.1

Appendices  Appendix 6: Credit facilities and debt profile					
(US\$B) at 31 December 2011					
Maturity	Туре	Committed facilities	Uncommitted facilities	Debt drawn	Headroom
< 12 months	Bank/Other	-	0.2	0.1	0.1
1 - 2 years	Bank/Other	0.6	-	0.2	0.4
2 - 3 years	Bank/USPP¹/Other	1.0	-	0.8	0.2
3 - 4 years	Bank/144A <sup>2</sup> /Other	0.5	-	0.4	0.1
4 - 5 years	Bank/USPP1	0.8	-	0.6	0.2
> 5 years	USPP1/144A2/EMTN3	1.2	-	1.2	-
Total		4.1	0.2	3.3	1.0
<sup>1</sup> US Private Placemen <sup>2</sup> US 144A bonds <sup>3</sup> Euro Medium Term N					







# **Brambles**

Appendix 10: Analysis of PMS 1H12 impact on Pallets - Americas

(US\$M) Actual FX	Pallets -Americas (excluding PMS)	PMS	Pallets - Americas
Sales	811.1	172.7	983.8
Underlying profit	149.8	8.5	158.3
Underlying profit margin	18%	5%	16%
Average capital invested	1,759.7	326.4	2,086.1
Return on capital invested <sup>1</sup>	17%	5%	15%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Underlying profit for PMS includes US\$1.5M relating to amortisation of acquired non goodwill intangibles. Average capital invested includes goodwill on acquisition of US\$288.6M and acquired non goodwill intangibles.

