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The Manager - Listings
Australian Securities Exchange Limited
Exchange Centre
20 Bridge Street
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Via electronic lodgement

Dear Sir/Madam

## Response to media speculation

Please see the attached announcement relating to the above.

Yours faithfully **Brambles Limited** 

**Robert Gerrard**Company Secretary



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Brambles Limited ("**Brambles**") notes today's media articles relating to a potential bid by CVC Capital Partners ("**CVC**") for Brambles.

Brambles confirms that it has had preliminary engagement with CVC in regard to an unsolicited proposal to acquire all of the shares in Brambles.

Brambles notes the engagement is preliminary, incomplete and there has been no formal proposal received from CVC. Brambles also notes that there is no certainty that the engagement will lead to a binding proposal being received from CVC.

The Board and management remain focused on implementing the Shaping our Future transformation plan, which builds on the strength of Brambles' sustainable business model to transform the business and unlock value for customers and shareholders. They do so against the backdrop of recent performance improvement, the future potential identified in the transformation plan and the good progress made to date in implementing that plan, as set out recently in our trading update of 21 April 2022. The Board is also considering other strategic options for the Company that maximise shareholder value.

Brambles will keep shareholders informed as necessary in accordance with its continuous disclosure obligations.

The release of this announcement was authorised by the Brambles Board.

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