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Brambles reaches important ESG milestones

Brambles, a supply chain solutions company operating in 60 countries through the Chep brand, has released its annual Sustainability Review, which reports on its material Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues and achievements for the financial year ending 30 June 2021.



Graham Chipchase, CEO of Brambles. | Source: Supplied.

Having successfully completed its 2020 sustainability strategy, meeting its key objectives, this time last year, Brambles announced its new 2025 Sustainability targets and ambition to 'Pioneer Regenerative Supply Chains', based on a 'Planet Positive, Business Positive and Communities Positive' strategy.

Brambles' ESG milestones

Just one year into the programme, Brambles' Sustainability Review highlights achievements which show great progress towards the company's a net-positive future.

The report shows that Brambles is now a carbon-neutral operations business. The company says its net carbon emissions have been offset across scope one and scope two by investing in reforestation projects and procurement of renewable electricity. This milestone supports Brambles' commitment to a 1.5-degree climate future, aligns with the highest level of ambition on the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, and demonstrates early action on its decarbonisation pathway.



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As part of its Planet Positive targets, Brambles has also maintained 100% sustainable sourcing of timber and has enabled the transformation of more forestry markets to Chain of Custody (CoC) certification and as part of its Waste Positive commitment to using waste plastic in its platforms, the first-ever Brambles product made from 100% post-consumer plastic waste, the wheeled Q+, was launched in Europe this year.

The company also showed progress towards its Workplace Positive targets by being recognised as a Top Employer in 17 countries and across four regions. It also achieved 32% of women in management roles through rolling out inclusivity, wellbeing-at-work and accessibility initiatives.

Brambles also provided more than 17 million people with meals via its food rescue partners across the globe in the 2021 fiscal year and impacted 100,000 people positively through its circular economy communications, training and advocacy efforts.



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In addition, Brambles says its 'share and reuse' model "offers many environmental savings to customers' supply chains in comparison to single-use alternatives". In the last year, the company says its solutions have helped its customers achieve environmental savings such as 3,160 megalitres of water, 3.1 million cubic metres of wood, 3.2 million trees and 1.4 million tonnes of waste.

Graham Chipchase, Brambles CEO commented: "In our new five-year sustainability strategy, Brambles charts a clear course towards a truly regenerative supply chain. with reuse, resilience and regeneration as our core tenets."

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