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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] BASSOUL SELIM A | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD] | (Check | tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) | | | |
|---|---|------------------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/07/2013 | X X | Director Officer (give title below) CEO, Chairman | 10% Owner Other (specify below) A. President | | |
| 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indi Line) | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | |
| (Street) ELGIN IL 60120 | | X | Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th Person | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transac Code (Ir 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 06/07/2013 | | M ⁽²⁾ | | 5,209 | A | \$9.235 | 310,095 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/07/2013 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 5,209 | D | \$167.65 ⁽³⁾ | 304,886 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/10/2013 | | M ⁽²⁾ | | 7,670 | Α | \$9.235 | 312,556 | D | |
| Common Stock | 06/10/2013 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 7,670 | D | \$167.96 ⁽³⁾ | 304,886 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|---|---|------------|---|--|---|--|---|---|--------------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 5. Numbe of Derivat Securit Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 4 and 5 | | ivative urities juired or posed D) etr. 3, | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/ | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$9.235 | 06/07/2013 | | M ⁽²⁾ | | | 5,209 | 10/23/2003 | 10/23/2013 | Common Stock | 5,209 | \$9.235 ⁽²⁾ | 45,526 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$9.235 | 06/10/2013 | | M ⁽²⁾ | | | 7,670 | 10/23/2003 | 10/23/2013 | Common Stock | 7,670 | \$9.235 ⁽²⁾ | 37,856 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares sold pursuant to existing 10b5-1 plan.

2. Exercise of vested stock options granted on October 23, 2003 at a split adjusted exercise price of \$9.235. The option grant was 100% vested on the date of grant.

3. The sales price reported is the weighted average sale price for the number of shares sold. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be supplied upon request by the Securities & Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer.

> Martin M. Lindsay POA 06/11/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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