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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>BASSOUL SELIM A</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION</b> <b>1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE</b>  (Street) <b>ELGIN IL 60120</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>MIDDLEBY CORP [ MIDD ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>CEO, Chairman, President</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>05/01/2007</b>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/01/2007		M		47,500	A	(1)	373,856	D	
common stock	05/03/2007(2)		A(2)		60,500	A	\$0(2)	434,356(2)	D	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
Common Stock	\$5.9(1)	05/01/2007		M		47,500(1)		02/26/2007(1)	02/26/2012	common stock	47,500	\$5.9	212,500	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Exercise of 47500 shares of common stock. Part of an option grant of 200,000 shares that took place on Feb 26, 2002 at an exercise price of \$5.90, the market price of Middleby ccommon stock on the date of grant.
- On May 3, 2007 60,500 shares of restricted stock were granted to the reporting person. The grant vests in five equal installments as follows: - After January 1, 2008, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$150/ share. - After January 1, 2009, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$160/ share. - After January 1, 2010, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$170/ share. - After January 1, 2011, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$185/ share. - After January 1, 2012, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$200/ share.

Martin M. Lindsay POA      05/03/2007  
 \*\* 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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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