

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 19, 2007

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

1-9973

36-3352497

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60120  
(Zip Code)

(847) 741-3300  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to  
simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the  
following provisions:

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(17 CFR 230.425)

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(17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange  
Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 19, 2007, The Middleby Corporation issued a press  
release announcing it has entered into an agreement to acquire the assets and  
operations of Jade Products Company ("Jade") from Maytag Corporation. The  
acquisition is expected to close on April 2, 2007. A copy of that press  
release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by  
reference.

The information furnished pursuant to this Current Report on  
Form 8-K (including the exhibit hereto) shall not be considered "filed" under  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be incorporated by  
reference into future filings by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933,  
as amended, or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, unless the  
Company expressly sets forth in such future filing that such information is to  
be considered "filed" or incorporated by reference therein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

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Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated February 19, 2007 of The Middleby Corporation.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

Dated: February 19, 2007

By: /s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald  
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Timothy J. FitzGerald  
Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 99.1    Press release dated February 19, 2007 of The Middleby Corporation.

The Middleby Corporation Enters Agreement to Acquire Business  
of Jade Products Corporation

ELGIN, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 19, 2007--The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ:MIDD) today announced it has entered into an agreement to acquire the assets and operations of Jade Products Company ("Jade") from Maytag Corporation. The acquisition is expected to close on April 2, 2007. Jade manufactures cooking equipment, including ranges, cooktops, and ovens for both commercial and residential use. The acquired business, located in Brea, California, has approximately \$20 million in annual sales.

This transaction will further add to Middleby's portfolio of leading brands in cooking. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Selim A. Bassoul commented, "We are very excited to announce this acquisition. Jade is recognized as a premium brand with a superior level of quality. The acquisition of Jade will further strengthen Middleby's position in the high-end segment of the commercial cooking equipment market. In addition, this acquisition will provide us with an opportunity to build upon Jade's residential business. The residential sales of the business represents about 15% of the total revenues acquired."

Statements in this press release or otherwise attributable to the Company regarding the Company's business which are not historical fact are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Company cautions investors that such statements are estimates of future performance and are highly dependent upon a variety of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements. Such factors include variability in financing costs; quarterly variations in operating results; dependence on key customers; international exposure; foreign exchange and political risks affecting international sales; changing market conditions; the impact of competitive products and pricing; the timely development and market acceptance of the Company's products; the availability and cost of raw materials; and other risks detailed herein and from time-to-time in the Company's SEC filings.

The Middleby Corporation is a global leader in the foodservice equipment industry. The company develops, manufactures, markets and services a broad line of equipment used for commercial food cooking, preparation and processing. The company's leading equipment brands include Blodgett(R), Blodgett Combi(R), Blodgett Range(R), CTX(R), Houno(R), MagiKitch'n(R), Middleby Marshall(R), Pitco Frialator(R), Southbend(R), Nu-Vu(R), Alkar(R), RapidPak(R) and Toastmaster(R). Middleby's international subsidiary, Middleby Worldwide, is a leading exporter and distributor of foodservice and the Middleby Philippines Corporation, is a leading supplier of specialty equipment in the Asian markets. In 2006 The Middleby Corporation was ranked #9 on the Forbes 200 Best Small Companies list.

For more information about The Middleby Corporation and the company brands, please visit [www.middleby.com](http://www.middleby.com).

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