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Form 8-K  
July 30, 2007

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): June 30, 2007

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

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| Delaware<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | 1-9973<br>(Commission File Number) | 36-3352497<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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|---|---------------------|
| 1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois<br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 60120<br>(Zip Code) |
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(847) 741-3300  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Elgin, Il., June 27, 2007 - The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD) announced that it has entered into a new collective bargaining agreement with its unionized workforce at its Elgin, Illinois manufacturing facility, ending a work stoppage at this facility that began on May 17, 2007 after the unionized workforce failed to ratify a final contract proposal of its expired collective bargaining agreement.

The company manufactures its Middleby Marshall conveyor ovens at this facility. There are approximately 135 employees that participate in the union at the Elgin, Illinois facility. Net sales generated from this facility accounted for approximately 16% of the company's net sales in 2006.

The information furnished pursuant to this Current Report on Form 8-K (including the exhibit hereto) shall not be considered "filed" under

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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.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description  
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Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated June 30, 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: June 30, 2007

By: /s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald

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Timothy J. FitzGerald  
Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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