MIDDLEBY CORP

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Levenson Ryan

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/14/2007

X_ Director

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O THE MIDDLEBY COORPORATION, 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

(State)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ELGIN, IL 60120

(City)

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

| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial | |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|--|--------|------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| common stock | 05/14/2007 | | P | 500 | A | \$ 126.36 | 3,500 | D | |

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

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

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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | ınt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Levenson Ryan C/O THE MIDDLEBY COORPORATION 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE ELGIN, IL 60120

Signatures

Martin M. Lindsay POA 05/16/2007

**Signature of Reporting Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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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