

MIDDLEBY CORP

Form 4

July 02, 2008

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BASSOUL SELIM A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O THE MIDDLEBY
CORPORATION, 1400
TOASTMASTER DRIVE**

(Street)

ELGIN, IL 60120

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/01/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
below) CEO, Chairman, President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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	07/01/2008		M ⁽¹⁾		19,028	A	<u>(1)</u>	780,028	D
Common Stock	07/01/2008		M ⁽²⁾		40,592	A	<u>(2)</u>	820,620	D

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Buy	\$ 2.95 ⁽²⁾	07/01/2008		M ⁽²⁾	40,592 ⁽²⁾	02/26/2007 ⁽²⁾ 02/26/2012 ⁽²⁾	common stock 40,592 ⁽²⁾
Option to Buy	\$ 5.255 ⁽¹⁾	07/01/2008		M ⁽¹⁾	19,028	03/05/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 03/05/2012 ⁽¹⁾	common stock 19,028 ⁽¹⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BASSOUL SELIM A C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE ELGIN, IL 60120	X		CEO, Chairman, President	

Signatures

Selim A. Bassoul 07/02/2008

 **Signature of Reporting Person 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).
- (1) Transaction part of an option exercise of 19,028 shares granted on March 5, 2003 at a split adjusted price of \$5.255. Termination of the option grant was March 5, 2013.
- (2) Transaction part of an option exercise of 40,592 shares granted on February 26, 2002 at a split adjusted price of \$2.95. Termination of the option grant was February 26, 2012.

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