

Levenson Ryan
Form 4
December 31, 2009

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 *
Levenson Ryan

(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)

12/29/2009

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
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	12/29/2009		D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		2,000 (1) (2)	\$ 0 (1)	0 D
Common Stock	12/29/2009		A ⁽³⁾		2,000 (3)	\$ 0 (3)	2,000 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)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following the Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

X

Signatures

Martin M.
Lindsay POA 12/31/2009

__Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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) The Board of Directors of the Company approved the cancellation of the unvested portion of Performance Stock first scheduled to vest at specified common stock prices of the Company on January 1, 2009, January 1, 2010, and January 1, 2011 pursuant to Restricted Stock Agreements with the Reporting Person.
- (2) The cancelled shares relate to a portion of the Performance Stock award granted to the Reporting Person for a total of 3,000 shares on May 7, 2007. The Performance Stock was scheduled to vest in 1/3rd increments annually beginning January 1, 2008 with the final vesting achieved on January 1, 2010. Vesting was contingent on the 30 day avg. for the Company's common stock as follows: 2008 tranche - \$70; 2009 tranche - \$70; and 2010 tranche - \$77.50. To date, the 2008 tranche has vested. As a result of the cancellation, the 2009, and 2010 tranches have been cancelled.
- (3) Transaction represents grant of Restricted Stock, which vests in two equal tranches, each subject to performance and time-based vesting requirements. Tranche 1 vests on March 15, 2011 if the Company has achieved a Return on Equity (as defined in the award agreement) of 10% for the fiscal 2010 period. Tranche 2 vests on January 1, 2012 (as measured on March 10, 2011) if the Company has achieved a Return on Equity of 12% for the same fiscal 2010 period. If the fiscal 2010 Return on Equity criteria is not met (as measured on March 10, 2011), the Restricted Stock will vest, on March 15, 2012, based on achievement of the same Return on Equity criteria for the fiscal 2011 period. If the Return on Equity criteria are not met for the fiscal 2010 or 2011 period, the Restricted Stock will be forfeited.

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