

MIDDLEBY CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
**12/17/2012**

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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**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	12/17/2012		M	80,972 A \$ 5.255 (2)	429,214	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2012		F(1)	28,305 D \$ 129.35	400,909	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2012		M	15,500 A \$ 9.235 (3)	416,409	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2012		F(1)	5,237 D \$ 129.35	411,172	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2012		S(4)	35,000 D \$ 130	376,172	D	

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.255	12/17/2012		M <sup>(2)</sup>	80,972	03/05/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/05/2013	Common Stock	80,972
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.235	12/17/2012		M <sup>(3)</sup>	15,500	10/23/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/23/2013	Common Stock	15,500

## 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

Martin M.  
Lindsay POA  
Date: 12/20/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting 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) Transaction related to the surrender of shares to fund reporting person's tax liability related to stock option exercise.

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- (2) Exercise of vested stock options granted on March 5, 2003 at a split adjusted exercise price of \$5.255. The option grant vested in 20% increments over a five year period.
- (3) Exercise of vested stock options granted on October 23, 2003 at a split adjusted exercise price of \$9.235. The option grant was 100% vested on the date of grant.
- (4) Shares sold pursuant to existing 10b5-1 plan.

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