FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  LINDSAY MARTIN M					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  MIDDLEBY CORP [ MIDD ]											5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)										
(Last)			Mido	dle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/08/2007											<b>y</b>	Direct Office belo	er	give title		10% Ov Other (s below)	· I				
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							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)												6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable							
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		Tab	le I	- Non-Deri	vativ	ve S	ec	urit	ies Ac	qu	ired, D	Dis	sposed o	f, or B	ene	ficiall	y Own	ed								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year				ear)	Exec if an	ecution Date, any		ate, Ti	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				Secu Bene Owne	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned		6. Ownershi Form: Direc (D) or Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership					
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Common Stock 05/08/2007					7					<b>M</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	1)	Γ	1,200(1)	Α	\$10.51(1)		) 13		3,695		D					
Common Stock 05/08/2007					7					M <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>1</b> <sup>(2)</sup>		2,500(2)	A \$		8.47(2)	1	16,195(2)		D						
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Option to Buy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$10.51 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/08/2007			M <sup>(</sup>	(1)			1,200 <sup>(1)</sup>	0	03/05/2001	7	03/05/2013	Commo	n 1,:	200(1)	\$10.51 <sup>(1</sup>	)	12,800		D					
Option to Buy <sup>(2)</sup>	\$18.47(2)	05/08/2007			M <sup>(</sup>	(2)			2,500 <sup>(2)</sup>	1	0/23/2003	3	10/23/2013	Commo	n 2,:	500(2)	\$18.47 <sup>(2</sup>	)	10,300		D					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Option exercise associated with grant of 1,500 incentive stock option shares on March 5, 2003. The option grant vests in 20% increments and holds a strike price of \$10.51, the closing price of Middleby common stock on the date of grant.
- 2. Option exercise associated with grant of 2,500 incentive stock option shares on October 23,2013. The option holds a strike price of \$18.47, the closing price of Middleby common stock on the date of grant.
- 3. avg price

Martin M. Lindsay 05/10/2007

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

- \* 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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