FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] LINDSAY MARTIN M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MIDDLEBY CORP</u> [MIDD]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) 1400 TOAS			- 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2005	x	Officer (give title below) Treasur	Other (specify below)				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indi Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	-		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)

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

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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. Transact Code (In 8)		5. Number Derivative Securities Acquired or Dispose of (D) (Ins 3, 4 and 5	e s (A) sed str.	i		and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Option to buy ⁽¹⁾	\$53.93	02/28/2005		A ⁽¹⁾		10,000 ⁽¹⁾		(1)	02/28/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$53.93	14,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock option granted on February 28, 2005 at the Middleby Corporation common stock closing price. Option grant expires February 28, 2005. Vesting schedule depends on obtaining referenced performance goals.

Martin M. Lindsay

** Signature of Reporting Person

03/02/2005 Date

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).

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