

FORM 4

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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* <u>BAKER DAVID BRIAN</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE</u> _____ (Street) <u>ELGIN IL 60004</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MIDDLEBY CORP [midd]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Administrative Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/03/2003</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	11/03/2003		M		2,500 ⁽²⁾	A	\$7.0625	28,708	D	
Common Stock	11/03/2003		M		625 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$4.5	29,333	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option	\$4.5	11/03/2003		M		625 ⁽¹⁾	10/28/2003	10/28/2004	common stock	625 ⁽¹⁾	\$4.5	23,000	D	
Stock Option	\$7.0625	11/03/2003		M		2,500 ⁽²⁾	02/17/2001	02/17/2005	common stock	2,500 ⁽²⁾	\$7.0625	20,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock option exercise of 625 shares. A total of 2,500 options were granted on Oct 28, 1999 at an exercise price of \$4.50 per share. Options vest in 25% increments and expire on Oct 28, 2004.
2. Stock option exercise of 2500 shares. A total of 10,000 options were granted on Feb. 17, 2000 at an exercise price of \$7.0625 per share. Options vest in 25% increments and expire on Feb 17, 2005.

David B. Baker 11/04/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person 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).

** 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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