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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WITHDRAWAL OF POSSIBLE OFFER FOR ENODIS PLC ("Enodis")

Further to the announcement by The Middleby Corporation ("Middleby") on 12 May 2006 that it had approached the board of Enodis with regards to a possible offer for Enodis and requested a meeting, Middleby today announces that it no longer intends to make an offer for Enodis.

For the purposes of Rule 2.8 and other relevant provisions of The City Code on Takeovers and Mergers ("City Code"), Middleby reserves the right to announce an offer or possible offer or make or participate in an offer or possible offer for Enodis and/or take any other action which would otherwise be restricted under Rule 2.8 of the City Code within the next six months in the event that:

- (i) an agreement or recommendation from the board of Enodis is forthcoming; or
- (ii) there is an announcement by a third party of an offer (as defined in the City Code) for Enodis; or
- (iv) Enodis announces a "whitewash" proposal (as described in Note 1 of the Notes on Dispensations from Rule 9) or a reverse takeover.

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Statements in this press release or otherwise attributable to the company regarding the company's business which are not historical fact are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The company cautions investors that such statements are estimates of future performance and are highly dependent upon a variety of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements. Such factors include volatility in

earnings resulting from goodwill impairment losses; variability in financing costs; quarterly variations in operating results; dependence on key customers; international exposure; foreign exchange and political risks affecting international sales; protection of trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property; changing market conditions; the impact of competitive products and pricing; the timely development and market acceptance of the company's products; the availability and cost of raw materials; and other risks detailed herein and from time-to-time in the company's SEC filings.