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*  BASSOUL SELIM A  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION  1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE  (Street)  ELGIN IL 60120						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MIDDLEBY CORP [ MIDD ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/02/2013  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Check X X	X Officer (give title below) below)  CEO, Chairman, President  Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable be)			
(City)	(Sta	ate) (Z	ľip)															
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yes					ear) if	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,					4 and 5) Secui		icially d	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	R		rted action(s) 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 07/02/2013						3			S <sup>(1)</sup>		7,932	D	\$174.	\$174.72 <sup>(2)</sup>		77,233	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)	e Conversion or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Frice of Derivative Security		Code (	saction de (Instr. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)		vative rities iired r osed ) :. 3, 4	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares		Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares sold pursuant to existing 10b5-1 plan.
- 2. The sales price reported is the weighted average sale price for the number of shares sold. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be supplied upon request by the Securities & Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer.

Martin M. Lindsay POA 07/03/2013

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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