MIDDLEBY CORP

Form 4 May 10, 2007

### FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LINDSAY MARTIN M |                         |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)                             |  |  |
|--|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)   | (Last) (First) (Middle) |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                                  | (Check an applicable)  |  |  |
| 1400 TOASTM  | MASTER D                | R | (Month/Day/Year)<br>05/08/2007                                   | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Treasurer                             |  |  |
|  | (Street)                |   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                                   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |  |  |
| ELGIN, IL 60120  |                         |   | Filed(Month/Day/Year)  | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                              | (Zip) Tab   | le I - Non-l  | Derivative   | Secu             | rities Acqui         | red, Disposed of,  | or Beneficiall                                     | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------|------------------|----------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) |              |                  |                      | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following | Ownership I<br>Form: I<br>Direct (D) Or Indirect ( | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|                                      |                                      |   | Code V  | Amount       | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price                | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                   | (I)<br>(Instr. 4)                                  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 05/08/2007                           |   | M(1)  | 1,200<br>(1) | A                | \$ 10.51<br>(1)      | 13,695   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 05/08/2007                           |   | M(2)  | 2,500<br>(2) | A                | \$ 18.47<br>(2)      | 16,195 <u>(2)</u>  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 05/08/2007                           |   | S   | 4,000        | D                | \$<br>130.062<br>(3) | 12,195   | D  |   |

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

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | xecution Date, if Transaction Deriva<br>ny Code Securities |     | erivative arities uired for cosed of r. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exerci-<br>Expiration Dat<br>(Month/Day/Y | e                  | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|---|--------------------|---|--|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V   | (A) | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                               | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Option to Buy                                       | \$ 10.51<br>(1)   | 05/08/2007                           |   | M <u>(1)</u>   |     | 1,200<br>(1)                                  | 03/05/2007  | 03/05/2013         | Common<br>Stock   | 1,200<br>(1)                           |
| Option<br>to Buy                                    | \$ 18.47<br>(2)   | 05/08/2007                           |   | M(2)   |     | 2,500<br>(2)                                  | 10/23/2003  | 10/23/2013         | Common<br>Stock   | 2,500<br>(2)                           |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |

LINDSAY MARTIN M 1400 TOASTMASTER DR ELGIN, IL 60120

Treasurer

#### **Signatures**

Martin M. 05/10/2007 Lindsay

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- (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.
- 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

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