

MIDDLEBY CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SIERON MARK A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1400 TOASTMASTER DR  
(Street)  
ELGIN, IL 60120  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Amount (D) Price                                                                              |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2007                           |                                                    | A <sup>(1)</sup>               | V                                                                 | 10,000<br>(1) \$ 0<br>(1)                                                                     | 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)**

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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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| SIERON MARK A<br>1400 TOASTMASTER DR<br>ELGIN, IL 60120 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Mark A. Sieron                      03/12/2007  
 \_\_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) On March 9, 2007 10,000 shares of restricted stock were granted to the reporting person. The grant vests in five equal installments as follows: - After January 1, 2008, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$125/ share. - After January 1, 2009, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$140/ share. - After January 1, 2010, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$155/ share. - After January 1, 2011, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$175/ share. - After January 1, 2012, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$200/ share.

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