

MIDDLEBY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**BASSOUL SELIM A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION, 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE**

(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)  
**10/23/2003**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO, Chairman, President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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                    | 09/04/2007                           |  | S(2)                           |   |   | 30,000(2)  | D   | \$ 71.7776(1) | 758,712 | D |  |
| Common stock                    | 09/05/2007                           |  | S(2)                           |   |   | 30,000(2)  | D   | \$ 71.1763(1) | 728,712 | D |  |
| common stock                    | 09/06/2007                           |  | S(2)                           |   |   | 30,000(2)  | D   | \$ 70.0623(1) | 698,712 | D |  |
| Common                          | 09/07/2007                           |  | M(3)                           |   |   | 98,288   | A   | \$ 9.235      | 797,000 | D |  |

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Stock (3) (3)

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 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Option to buy                              | \$ 9.235   | 10/23/2003                           |  | M <sup>(3)</sup>               | 98,288 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 10/23/2003 10/23/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 98,288 <sup>(3)</sup>      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| BASSOUL SELIM A<br>C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION<br>1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE<br>ELGIN, IL 60120 | X             |           | CEO,<br>Chairman,<br>President |       |

## Signatures

Selim A. Bassoul 09/07/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## 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) Avg price

(2) Shares sold pursuant to existing 10b5-1 plan as previously filed with the SEC

(3) Transaction the result of an option exercise that was granted on October 23,2003 at a split adjusted price of \$9.235 and expiration of October 23, 2013.

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