

MIDDLEBY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LINDSAY MARTIN M**

(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)  
**05/08/2007**

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)  
Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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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 or Price					
Common Stock	05/08/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,200 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 10.51 <u>(1)</u>	13,695	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2007		M <sup>(2)</sup>		2,500 <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ 18.47 <u>(2)</u>	16,195 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2007		S		4,000 <u>(3)</u>	D	\$ 130.062 <u>(3)</u>	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 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)
Option to Buy <sub>(1)</sub>	\$ 10.51 <sub>(1)</sub>	05/08/2007		M <sub>(1)</sub>	1,200 <sub>(1)</sub>	03/05/2007 03/05/2013	Common Stock 1,200 <sub>(1)</sub>
Option to Buy <sub>(2)</sub>	\$ 18.47 <sub>(2)</sub>	05/08/2007		M <sub>(2)</sub>	2,500 <sub>(2)</sub>	10/23/2003 10/23/2013	Common Stock 2,500 <sub>(2)</sub>

### 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 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) 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.
- (2) 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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