

MIDDLEBY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**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)  
**07/01/2008**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	07/01/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>	A	19,028	(1)	780,028 D
Common Stock	07/01/2008		M <sup>(2)</sup>	A	40,592	(2)	820,620 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Buy	\$ 2.95 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/01/2008		M <sup>(2)</sup>	40,592 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/26/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/26/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	common stock	40,592 <sup>(2)</sup>
Option to Buy	\$ 5.255 <sup>(1)</sup>	07/01/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>	19,028	03/05/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 03/05/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	common stock	19,028 <sup>(1)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Selim A. Bassoul 07/02/2008

\_\_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) Transaction part of an option exercise of 19,028 shares granted on March 5, 2003 at a split adjusted price of \$5.255. Termination of the option grant was March 5, 2013.
- (2) Transaction part of an option exercise of 40,592 shares granted on February 26, 2002 at a split adjusted price of \$2.95. Termination of the option grant was February 26, 2012.

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