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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 \*

Â Lamb Robert B  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
05/11/2005

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION,Â 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE

(Street)

ELGIN,Â ILÂ 60120

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

common stock

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

0

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

