

MIDDLEBY CORP  
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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 \*  
DOLORI PHIL DR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 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)  
12/20/2005

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)  
Group President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V			
Common Stock	12/20/2005		M		(1)	\$ 10.51 6,912	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		M		(2)	\$ 18.47 11,687	D	

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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 (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	\$ 10.51 (1)	12/20/2005		M	2,000 (1)	03/05/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 03/05/2013	common stock 2,000 (1)
option to buy	\$ 18.47 (2)	12/20/2005		M <sup>(2)</sup>	4,775 (2)	10/23/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 10/23/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	common stock 4,775 (2)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DOLORI PHIL DR C/O MIDDLEBY CORPORATION 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE ELGIN, IL 60120			Group President	

## Signatures

Phil Dei Dolori 12/22/2005

\*\*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 in connection with option grant of 5,000 shares granted on March 5, 2003 at a strike price of \$10.51.

(2) Option exercise in connection with option grant of 10,000 shares granted on October 23, 2003 at a strike price of 18.47

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