MIDDLEBY CORP

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FITZGERALD TIMOTHY JOHN			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
C/O MIDDLEB' CORPORATION TOASTMASTE	N, 1400		(Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2007	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ELGIN, IL 6012	O (State)	(Zip)	Table I. Non Desirating Constitutes As	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person Guirad Disposed of or Repeficially Owner			

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/09/2007		Code V A(1)	22,500 _A \$	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price \$ 0 77,335	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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FITZGERALD TIMOTHY JOHN C/O MIDDLEBY CORPORATION 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE **ELGIN, IL 60120**

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Timothy 03/12/2007 Fitzgerald

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).

On March 9, 2007 22,500 shares of restricted stock were granted to the reporting person. The grant vests in five equal installments as follows: - After January 1, 2008, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$125/ share. - After January 1, 2009, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$140/ share. - After January 1, 2010, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$155/ share. - After January 1, 2011, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$175/ share. - After January 1, 2012, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$200/ share.

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