MIDDLEBY CORP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FITZGERALD TIMOTHY JOHN Issuer Symbol MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O MIDDLEBY 05/03/2007 below) CORPORATION, 1400 Chief Financial Officer TOASTMASTER DRIVE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **ELGIN, IL 60120**

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired 1. Title of 3. 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership Owned Indirect (I) **Following** (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Price (D) Amount \$0 common $A^{(1)}$ 05/03/2007(1) 27,500 97,746 (1) D (1) stock

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

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Martin M. Lindsay POA 05/07/2007

**Signature of Reporting Date

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- * 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 May 3, 2007 27,500 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 \$150/ share. - After January 1, 2009, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$160/ share. - After January 1, 2010, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$170/ share. - After January 1, 2011, 20% vests if the 30 day avg price of Middleby common stock is greater or equal to \$185/ 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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