MIDDLEBY CORP

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BASSOUL SELIM A** Issuer Symbol MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 05/22/2013

C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION, 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE

(State)

(Zip)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO, Chairman, President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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ELGIN, IL 60120

(City)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/22/2013		M(2)	14,912	` /		319,798	D	
Common Stock	05/22/2013	05/28/2013	S(1)	14,912	D	\$ 166.34 (3)	304,886	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.235	05/22/2013		M(2)		14,912	10/23/2003	10/23/2013	Common Stock	14,912

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

Martin M.
Lindsay POA

**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).
- (1) Shares sold pursuant to existing 10b5-1 plan.
- (2) Exercise of vested stock options granted on October 23, 2003 at a split adjusted exercise price of \$9.235. The option grant was 100% vested on the date of grant.
- The sales price reported is the weighted average sale price for the number of shares sold. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be supplied upon request by the Securities & Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer

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