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] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O THE MIDDLEBY 03/15/2012 below) CORPORATION, 1400 CEO, Chairman, President 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**

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 7. Nature of 1. Title of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect

Security (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common $S^{(1)}$ 03/15/2012 D 27,143 364,288 D 102.5 Stock Common 04/20/2012 $F^{(2)}$ \$ 99 D 16,046 D 348,242 Stock

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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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. 08/14/2012 Lindsay POA

**Signature of Reporting
Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- ** 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) Transaction related to the surrender of shares to fund reporting person's tax liability related to a restricted stock vesting.

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