

LINDSAY MARTIN M
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LINDSAY MARTIN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1400 TOASTMASTER DR
(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)
12/29/2009

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)
Treasurer

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 Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/29/2009		D ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	2,400 <u>(1) (2)</u> D \$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	9,795	D	
Common Stock	12/29/2009		D ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	2,500 <u>(1) (3)</u> D \$ 0 <u>(1)</u>	7,295	D	
Common Stock	12/29/2009		A ⁽⁴⁾	4,900 <u>(4)</u> A \$ 0 <u>(4)</u>	12,195	D	

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

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- (4) Transaction represents grant of Restricted Stock, which vests in two equal tranches, each subject to performance and time-based vesting requirements. Tranche 1 vests on March 15, 2011 if the Company has achieved a Return on Equity (as defined in the award agreement) of 10% for the fiscal 2010 period. Tranche 2 vests on January 1, 2012 (as measured on March 10, 2011) if the Company has
- (4) achieved a Return on Equity of 12% for the same fiscal 2010 period. If the fiscal 2010 Return on Equity criteria is not met (as measured on March 10, 2011), the Restricted Stock will vest, on March 15, 2012, based on achievement of the same Return on Equity criteria for the fiscal 2011 period. If the Return on Equity criteria are not met for the fiscal 2010 or 2011 period, the Restricted Stock will be forfeited.

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