#### **OBRIEN GORDON**

Form 4

December 15, 2005

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **OBRIEN GORDON** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD]

(Check all applicable)

C/O THE MIDDLEBY

(Month/Day/Year)

12/13/2005

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

CORPORATION, 1400 TOASTMASTER DR

> (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

ELGIN, IL 60120

(City)

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative	Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	sposed	d of (D)	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	12/14/2005		P P	Amount 1,000	A	\$ 85.06	2,000	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2005		P	1,000	A	\$ 85.75	3,000	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2005		P	50	A	\$ 83.8	3,050	D	

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6		Underly Securit		(Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title I	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Ot

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OBRIEN GORDON C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION 1400 TOASTMASTER DR ELGIN, IL 60120



## **Signatures**

Martin M. Lindsay POA

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date
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).

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