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if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940										
(Print or Type	e Responses)									
	Address of Reporting L SELIM A	g Person <u>*</u>	Symbol	er Name an LEBY C(8	5. Relationship of I ssuer		
(Last)	(First)						(Check	all applicable))	
C/O THE MIDDLEBY (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner C/O THE MIDDLEBY 10/23/2003 Officer (give title Other (specificities) CORPORATION, 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE CEO, Chairman, President						r (specify				
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Stock

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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)

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)	Secur Secur Acqu or Di (D)	rities hired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to buy	\$ 9.235	10/23/2003		M <u>(3)</u>		98,288 (3)	10/23/2003	10/23/2013	Common Stock	98,288 (3)

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	Х		CEO, Chairman, President			

Signatures

Selim A.	09/07/2007
Bassoul	09/07/2007
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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).
- (1) Avg price
- (2) Shares sold pursuant to existing 10b5-1 plan as previously filed with the SEC
- Transaction the result of an option exercise that was granted on October 23,2003 at a split adjusted price of \$9.235 and expiration of (3) October 23, 2013.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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