

# ***THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION***

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## **The Middleby Corporation Acquires Danfotech Inc.**

ELGIN, Ill.— July 6, 2011 -- The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD) today announced the acquisition of Danfotech Inc. (“Danfotech”), a subsidiary of SFK systems A/S. Danfotech is a leading manufacturer of equipment for the food processing industry with annual sales of approximately \$5 million. Danfotech products include meat tenderizers, tumblers, presses and defrosting systems. With this acquisition, Middleby continues to add to its portfolio of leading brands and expand its food processing platform.

Selim A. Bassoul, Middleby Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, “With this acquisition, we further broaden our innovative product offering to our food processing customers. The Danfotech line of products complements our existing portfolio of products under the Alkar, Cozzini, MP Equipment and Rapidpak brands. This acquisition further extends our ability to offer unique processing solutions that improve the efficiency and reduce costs of our customers processing operations. We believe there are opportunities to significantly increase revenues of Danfotech products by leveraging the strength of our existing sales infrastructure and strong customer relationships.”

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The Middleby Corporation is a global leader in the foodservice equipment industry. The company develops, manufactures, markets and services a broad line of equipment used for commercial food cooking, preparation and processing. The company's leading equipment brands serving the commercial foodservice industry include Anets®, Beech®, Blodgett®, Blodgett Combi®, Blodgett Range®, Bloomfield®, Britannia®, Carter Hoffman®, CookTek®, CTX®, Doyon®, frifri®, Giga®, Holman®, Houno®, IMC®, Jade®, Lang®, Lincat®, MagiKitch'n®, Middleby Marshall®, Nu-Vu®, Perfectfry®, Pitco Frialator®, Southbend®, Star®, Toastmaster®, Turbochef®, and Wells®. The company's leading equipment brands serving the food processing industry include Alkar®, Cozzini®, Danfotech®, MP Equipment®, and RapidPak®.

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