

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

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The Middleby Corporation Schedules First Quarter Earnings Release and Conference Call

Elgin, Ill. (BUSINESS WIRE)—May 9, 2012—The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD) today announced it will release 2012 first quarter earnings on Thursday, May 10 after the market closes. The company has scheduled a conference call to discuss the results at 9:30 a.m. Central Time on Friday, May 11. The call can be accessed by dialing (866) 200-6965 and entering conference code 73379731#. The conference call is also accessible through the Investor Relations section of the company website at www.middleby.com.

About The Middleby Corporation

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 Hoffmann®, 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®, Armor Inox®, Auto-Bake®, Cozzini®, Danfotech®, Drake®, Maurer-Atmos®, MP Equipment®, Turnington® and RapidPak®. The Middleby Corporation has been recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the Best Small Companies every year since 2005, most recently in October 2011.

For more information about The Middleby Corporation and the company brands, please visit www.middleby.com

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