

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

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Middleby Opens Australia Office

December 10, 2012 (Elgin, Ill.) – The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD) today announced the opening of Middleby Australia, a full service office headquartered in Brisbane.

Middleby Australia will serve the markets of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands with a full sales team, customer service, logistics, parts and service to go along with a complete test kitchen. Middleby Australia will also have a warehouse in Sydney to house a full inventory of equipment and parts.

"We have received tremendous feedback from our global chain clients about the launch of Middleby Australia," said Douglas Dunn, Vice President and General Manager of Middleby Worldwide, who will head the leadership team as Managing Director. "With our two large warehouses and in-house service team we are positioned to serve our customers in the region better than ever before"

Dunn will be joined on the leadership team by General Manager Paul Gummerson and Sales Director Brandon Clarke.

"Middleby Australia is another investment in our global infrastructure and underscores our ongoing commitment to marketing our brands worldwide," Dunn added.

The launch of Middleby Australia was made possible due to the strong mining industry, the growing Australian economy and a demand for the Middleby brands in the expanding food service sector of the region. Middleby now has a presence on five continents, including distribution centers in the United States, China, The Philippines, UK, Brazil, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland and Australia.

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®, Nieco®, 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®, Baker Thermal Solutions® (formerly known as Turkington), Cozzini®, Danfotech®, Drake®, Maurer-Atmos®, MP Equipment® RapidPak® and Stewart®. The Middleby Corporation has been recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the Best Small Companies every year since 2005, most recently in October 2012.

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

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