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Karl Doyon Named President of Doyon/Nu-Vu Foodservice Baking Division

Elgin, IL (January 15, 2010) – Karl Doyon, President of Doyon, Inc. has been named to an expanded role as President of the combined Doyon/Nu-Vu-Foodservice baking division. In this position, Mr. Doyon will be responsible for realizing synergies between the Doyon and Nu-Vu business divisions and building upon Middleby's leadership position in the baking segment.

"We are very pleased to have Karl leading our combined baking equipment group. We believe there are significant opportunities to expand our business in the baking segment by leveraging the combined strength of the Doyon and Nu-Vu brands and portfolio of technologies," said Chairman and CEO Selim A. Bassoul. "Karl's extensive industry experience and track record of success make him uniquely qualified to lead this newly created combined business division."

In December 2009, Middleby announced the acquisition of Doyon Equipment, Inc., a leading manufacturer of baking ovens and equipment based in Canada.

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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®, Blodgett®, Blodgett Combi®, Blodgett Range®, Bloomfield®, Carter Hoffmann®, CookTek®, CTX®, Doyon®, frifri®, Giga®, Holman®, Houno®, Jade®, Lang®, MagiKitch'n®, Middleby Marshall®, Nu-Vu®, Pitco Frialator®, Southbend®, Star®, Toastmaster®, TurboChef® and Wells®. The company's leading equipment brands serving the food processing industry include Alkar®, MP Equipment®, and RapidPak®. The Middleby Corporation was recognized by Business Week as one of the Top 100 Hot Growth Companies of 2007, 2008 and 2009 and by Forbes as one of the Best Small Companies in 2007, 2008 and 2009. For more information about The Middleby Corporation and the company brands, please visit www.middleby.com.

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