

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

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Karl Doyon Named President of Middleby Canada

ELGIN, Ill. May 23, 2011 – The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ:MIDD) today announced that it has named Karl Doyon President of Middleby Canada. In this role, Mr. Doyon will be responsible for all of the Middleby brands in the Canadian territories.

While growing the presence of the Middleby brands in the Canadian market, Mr. Doyon's new responsibilities also entail directing all sales in Canada, as well as overseeing customer support, service, and product distribution. He will continue to serve as division president for the Middleby baking division which includes Nu-Vu and Doyon brands, a position he has held since 2010.

"Karl is highly respected in the industry and has built solid, longstanding customer relationships in Canada," said Selim A. Bassoul, Chairman and CEO of The Middleby Corporation. "With his 17 years of experience, Karl is a proven sales leader in Canada and has extensive knowledge of the market. He will strengthen and expand the Middleby presence throughout the country,"

Mr. Doyon joined Middleby in December 2009 in connection with Middleby's acquisition of Doyon Equipment. Prior to that, he was Vice President of sales for Doyon Equipment and started his career as a regional sales manager with Doyon Equipment in Quebec, Canada.

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®, Blodgett®, Blodgett Combi®, Beech Ovens®, Bloomfield®, Carter Hoffmann®, CookTek®, CTX®, Doyon®, FriFri®, Giga®, Holman®, Houno®, Jade®, Lang®, 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®, MP Equipment®, and RapidPak®. The Middleby Corporation has been recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the Best Small Companies in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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