

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

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Lyall D. Newby Named President of Middleby Worldwide

Elgin, Ill. (March 15, 2007) – The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD) has named Lyall D. Newby President of Middleby Worldwide effective immediately.

In this role, Lyall will be responsible for all international sales and distribution activities for Middleby brand commercial cooking equipment. These brands include Middleby Marshall, Southbend, Blodgett, Pitco, MagiKitch'n, Nu-Vu, Houno and Toastmaster. He will continue to build upon Middleby's current international sales infrastructure to increase sales and brand awareness around the world. He will report directly to company Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Selim A. Bassoul.

“With his broad experience in global restaurant development and supply chain management, Lyall will take the Middleby brands to the next level as we continue our aggressive international expansion,” said Selim Bassoul. “Under Lyall's leadership we hope to exceed our expectations for the international market with his well-established international industry network”

Lyall has more than 20 years of industry experience and has held various positions in engineering, market development and supply chain management. Most recently he was with Yum! Restaurants International where he was Director of Strategic Equipment Sourcing. In this position he lead the commercial development and supplier management for more than seven hundred international KFC, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Long John Silver and A&W restaurants annually. Prior to joining Yum!, Lyall held positions with McDonald's Corporation and Boston Market, Inc.

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 cooking and food preparation in commercial and institutional kitchens and restaurants throughout the world. The company's leading equipment brands include Alkar[®], Blodgett[®], Blodgett Combi[®], Blodgett Range[®], CTX[®], Houno[®], MagiKitch'n[®], Middleby Marshall[®], Nu-Vu[®], Pitco Frialator[®], RapidPak[®], Southbend[®], and Toastmaster[®]. Middleby's international subsidiary, Middleby Worldwide, is a leading exporter and distributor of foodservice equipment in the global marketplace. Middleby's international manufacturing subsidiary, Middleby Philippines Corporation, is a leading supplier of specialty equipment in the Asian markets. For further information about Middleby, visit www.middleby.com.

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