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Magdy Albert Named President of Alkar and RapidPak

Industry Veteran to Oversee operations at New Middleby Corporation Division

Elgin, Ill. (June 12, 2006) – The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD) has promoted Magdy Albert to President of the Alkar and RapidPak divisions in Lodi, Wisconsin. Company Chairman and Chief Executive Selim A. Bassoul made the announcement. The Middleby Corporation acquired Alkar and RapidPak in December 2005.

“Magdy has a longstanding and proven track record of successful product development for every company he has ever worked for—including Middleby Marshall,” said Bassoul. “He was the top engineer behind the recently-introduced WOW! Oven. His extensive engineering experience and his broad industry knowledge will help him to deliver the most sought after product advancements to Alkar and RapidPak customers.”

In his new position, Albert will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Alkar and RapidPak facilities as well as spearheading the development of new technologies to enhance food safety, conserve energy and maximize customer productivity.

Albert is a 25-year veteran of the foodservice equipment industry where he held several leadership positions in operations and engineering managements. He joined Middleby in 2003 as vice president of operations and general manager for the company’s Middleby Marshall division, based in Elgin, Ill. Prior to joining Middleby, Albert was general manager of the steam division of Vulcan Hart, an Illinois Tool Works company.

Albert holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in mechanical engineering from Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt.

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[®], 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. The Middleby 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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