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Thomas Ivy Named President of F.R. Drake Company

Elgin, Ill., December 3, 2012 —Thomas Ivy has been named President of the F.R. Drake Company (Drake), a global leader in industrial food loading equipment. Drake is a brand of The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD) Food Processing Group.

Ivy will direct and manage the day-to-day sales and operations at Drake. He will also oversee the integration of Drake equipment within all of the Middleby food processing brands. Ivy will report directly to Magdy Albert, Middleby Food Processing Group President, Operations.

“Tom’s extensive experience with more than 15 years in the food processing and packaging industry will be an asset not only to Drake, but to all of the Middleby companies around the world,” said Magdy Albert. “His proven leadership and longstanding customer and industry relationships will have a positive impact on all of our sales channels.”

Prior to joining Drake, Ivy was Global Platform Leader for Sealed Air Corporation, based in Elmwood Park, N.J. In this position, he led business development in the specialty materials division. Through strategic planning he tripled sales, keeping as a priority customer relationships and employee retention. Ivy’s persistent focus on solutions and margin improvement translated to substantial growth during his tenure.

Ivy earned a degree in Business Administration from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va. He replaces Stephen Nunn who was previously promoted to Vice President of Sales for the Middleby Food Processing Group.

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.

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