

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

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The Middleby Corporation Announces Acquisition of Turkington USA

March 13, 2012 (Elgin, Ill.) –The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD) today announced that it has acquired the assets of Turkington USA, a leading manufacturer of automated baking equipment for the food processing industry located in North Carolina.

Selim A. Bassoul, Chairman and CEO commented, “This acquisition further extends Middleby’s food processing platform adding a comprehensive line of proofing ovens, baking ovens, and chilling systems for a variety of applications and baked goods. The Turkington equipment provides for a superior bake at industry leading speeds. This acquisition is highly complementary to our Auto-Bake business and further enhances Middleby’s overall food processing business.”

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®, Bloomfield®, Britannia®, Carter-Hoffmann®, CookTek®, CTX®, Doyon®, FriFri®, Giga®, Holman®, Houno®, IMC®, Jade®, Lang®, Lincat®, 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®, Armor Inox®, Auto-Bake®, Cozzini®, Danfotech®, Drake®, Maurer-Atmos®, MP Equipment®, RapidPak® and Turkington®. The Middleby Corporation has been recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the Best Small Companies every year since 2005, most recently in October 2011.

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