

MIDDLEBY CORP
Form 8-K
August 14, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 8, 2008

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 1-9973 (Commission File Number) | 36-3352497 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 60120 (Zip Code) |
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(847) 741-3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On August 8, 2008, The Middleby Corporation (the “Company”) entered into the First Amendment (the “First Amendment”) to the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of December 28, 2007 (the “Credit Agreement”) among Middleby Marshall Inc. (the “Borrower”), the Company, various financial institutions (the “Lenders”) and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent.

Pursuant to the terms of the First Amendment, the Lenders, the Company and the Borrower have amended the Credit Agreement to, among other things, (1) increase the letter of credit sublimit from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000, (2) permit the issuance of letters of credit in Euros and, subject to certain conditions, other alternative currencies and (3) permit the Company to make additional purchases of its stock in an amount up to \$10,000,000. The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the First Amendment, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information provided in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

Dated: August 14, 2008

By: /s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald
Timothy J. FitzGerald
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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