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MIDDLEBY CORP Form 8-K December 12, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 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): December 6, 2005

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 1-9973 36-3352497
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of Incorporation) Identification No.)

1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois 60120 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(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))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

As previously disclosed on a Form 8-K filed by The Middleby Corporation (the "Company"), on December 6, 2005, the Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Middleby Marshall, Inc. ("MMI"), entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with Alkar Holdings, Inc. ("Alkar") and the former shareholders of Alkar, whereby MMI acquired all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Alkar, a manufacturer of batch and conveyor ovens and related packaging equipment for the food processing industry, for \$26.7 million in cash, subject to a post-closing working capital adjustment. A copy of the Stock Purchase Agreement is attached hereto as

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Exhibit 10.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 10.1 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 6, 2005, by

and among Middleby Marshall, Inc., Alkar Holdings, Inc.

and the other signatories thereto.

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: December 12, 2005 By: /s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald

Timothy J. FitzGerald Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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