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): January 5, 2009

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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

1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 60120 (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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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 5, 2009, The Middleby Corporation issued a press release announcing its completion of the acquisition of TurboChef Technologies, Inc. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Description No.

E x h i b i t Press Release, dated January 5, 2009. 99.1

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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: January 5, 2009

By:

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

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