Middleton Amelia Form 3 May 05, 2011 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB APPROVAL OMB Number: 3235-0104

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Middleton Amelia			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOTHEBYS [BID]						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/05/2011	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
1334 YORK	AVENUI (Street)	Ξ		(Check all applicable) <u>Director</u> 10% Owner X Officer Other		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting				
NEW YORK	K, NYÂ	10021		(give title below) (specify below) SVP,Global Strategic Marketing			Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	Securities Beneficially Owned				
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Middleton Amelia 1334 YORK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021	Â	Â	SVP,Global Strategic Marketing	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ Gary Chard as Attorney-In-Fact	C	5/05/2011				
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date				
Explanation of Re	enor	16061				

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Consists solely of shares of unvested restricted stock.

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