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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Securi | ty (Instr. 4) | | | | | int of Securities ally Owned (Instr. | 4) | 3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 5) | ct (D) | 4. Nat (Instr. | | Beneficial Ownership |
| Common Stock | k | | | | | 10,501,400 | | I | | See F | ootnote ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Secur Underlying Derivative Securi | | | ity (Instr. 4) Conve | | ersion ercise | 5. Ownership Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | n Title | | | Amount or Number of Shares | Price o Derivat Securit | tive | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents shares of the Issuer held indirectly, through Catterton-Noodles, LLC, an entity affiliated with Catterton Partners. Mr. Dahnke is a Managing Partner of Catterton Partners. By virtue of this relationship, Mr. Dahnke may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares of Common Stock held by Catterton-Noodles, LLC. Mr. Dahnke expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

<u>/s/ Paul Strasen, attorney in fact</u> <u>06/27/2013</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY - SECURITIES LAW COMPLIANCE

The undersigned, being a person or entity subject to the reporting obligations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), due to or with respect to his, her or its ownership of securities of Noodles & Company (the "Corporation"), hereby constitutes and appoints each of Keith Kinsey, Dave Boennighausen and Paul Strasen and their respective designees, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent to complete and execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf any and all documents, forms and filings as such attorneys shall in their discretion determine to be required or advisable pursuant to the Act, other state or federal laws, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any successor laws and regulations, as a consequence of the undersigned's ownership, acquisition or disposition of securities of the Corporation, and to take all actions necessary or appropriate to obtain any codes, identifications and passwords required in order to file such forms with the Securities and Exchange Commission, any governmental office or agency, any securities exchange or national association, or any other person or agency as such attorney shall deem appropriate. The undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Corporation assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Act.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to make any filings with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Corporation unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

This Limited Power of Attorney is executed as of the date set forth below.

| /s/ Scott A. Dahnke | | |
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| Signature | | |
| Scott A. Dahnke | | |
| Type or Print Name | | |
| 6/21/2013 | | |
| Date | | |