

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 LeBlanc David M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC [LECO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 22801 ST CLAIR AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/13/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP; President, LE Int'l

CLEVELAND, OH 44117  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	Price		
Common Shares	11/13/2012		M		13,860	\$ 21.985	46,292	D
Common Shares	11/13/2012		M		2,640	\$ 21.19	48,932	D
Common Shares	11/14/2012		S		400	\$ 43.79	48,532	D
Common Shares	11/14/2012		S		300	\$ 43.8	48,232	D
Common Shares	11/14/2012		S		800	\$ 43.805	47,432	D

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Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	371	D	\$ 43.81	47,061	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	200	D	\$ 43.87	46,861	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	219	D	\$ 43.88	46,642	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	3,110	D	\$ 43.9	43,532	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	1,100	D	\$ 43.92	42,432	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	100	D	\$ 43.93	42,332	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	2,008	D	\$ 44.13	40,324	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	200	D	\$ 44.135	40,124	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	2,092	D	\$ 44.14	38,032	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	100	D	\$ 44.145	37,932	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	100	D	\$ 44.15	37,832	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	100	D	\$ 44.155	37,732	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	1,300	D	\$ 44.16	36,432	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	800	D	\$ 44.175	35,632	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	2,800	D	\$ 44.18	32,832	D	
Common Shares	11/14/2012	S	400	D	\$ 44.185	32,432	D	
Common Shares						4,091,334 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k)

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.985	11/13/2012		M	13,860	12/03/2011	12/03/2018	Common Shares	13,860
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.19	11/13/2012		M	2,640	07/31/2012	07/31/2019	Common Shares	2,640

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LeBlanc David M 22801 ST CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44117			Sr. VP; President, LE Int'l	

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, Jennifer I. Ansberry as Attorney-in-Fact for David M.

LeBlanc

11/15/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Held by Trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 3,450.870 shares.

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