

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 ADAMS HAROLD L

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)  
 1601 THE TERRACES  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/10/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

BALTIMORE, MD 21209  
 (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)			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				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares	12/10/2012		M			4,000	A	\$ 12.72	26,328	D	
Common Shares	12/10/2012		M			4,000	A	\$ 17.715	30,328	D	
Common Shares	12/10/2012		M			7,000	A	\$ 19.965	37,328	D	
Common Shares	12/10/2012		S			182	D	\$ 47.87	37,146	D	
Common Shares	12/10/2012		S			1,265	D	\$ 47.88	35,881	D	

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Common Shares	12/10/2012	S	1,958	D	\$ 47.89	33,923	D
Common Shares	12/10/2012	S	400	D	\$ 47.9	33,523	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	200	D	\$ 47.55	33,323	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	400	D	\$ 47.61	32,923	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	800	D	\$ 47.63	32,123	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	1,925	D	\$ 47.64	30,198	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	100	D	\$ 47.65	30,098	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	100	D	\$ 47.68	29,998	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	400	D	\$ 47.73	29,598	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	300	D	\$ 47.74	29,298	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	500	D	\$ 47.8	28,798	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	400	D	\$ 47.81	28,398	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	100	D	\$ 47.82	28,298	D
Common Shares	12/11/2012	S	300	D	\$ 47.83	27,998	D
Common Shares	12/12/2012	G	2,835	D	\$ 0	25,163	D

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D S (I
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Derivative Security			Code	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				V	(A)				
Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 12.72	12/10/2012	M		4,000	11/28/2004	11/28/2013	Common Shares	4,000
Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 17.715	12/10/2012	M		4,000	11/30/2005	11/30/2014	Common Shares	4,000
Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 19.965	12/10/2012	M		7,000	11/30/2006	11/30/2015	Common Shares	7,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADAMS HAROLD L 1601 THE TERRACES BALTIMORE, MD 21209		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, Jennifer I. Ansberry as Attorney-in-Fact for Harold L. Adams

12/12/2012

\_\_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).

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