

STROPKI JOHN M  
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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 \*  
STROPKI JOHN 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)  
02/29/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President and CEO

CLEVELAND, OH 44117-1199  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Shares	02/29/2012		A		12,000 A \$ 11.73	183,787	D
Common Shares	03/01/2012		A		22,000 A \$ 11.73	205,787	D
Common Shares	02/29/2012		S		10,400 D <u>11</u>	195,387	D
Common Shares	03/01/2012		S		19,700 D <u>\$ 46.5838</u>	171,788 <sup>(3)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub>	D
Common Shares						5,000	I by Spouse

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Common Shares	221,997 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	by Trust
Common Shares	12,402.743 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan
Common Shares	80,455.364	I	SPP

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 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)	\$ 11.73	02/29/2012		M	12,000	11/20/2005 11/20/2012	Common Shares 12,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.73	03/01/2012		M	22,000	11/20/2005 11/20/2012	Common Shares 22,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STROPKI JOHN M 22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44117-1199	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, Jennifer I. Ansberry as Attorney-in-Fact for John M. Stropki, Jr.

03/02/2012

\_\_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) 200 at \$46.50; 100 at \$46.5003; 100 at \$46.505; 100 at \$46.51; 300 at \$46.52; 300 at \$46.53; 400 at \$46.55; 100 at \$46.555; 293 at \$46.56; 873 at \$46.57; 100 at \$46.5713; 100 at \$46.5715; 334 at \$46.58; 1,100 at \$46.59; 100 at \$46.595; 700 at \$46.60; 100 at \$46.605; 3,200 at \$46.655; 600 at \$46.61; 700 at \$46.66; 600 at \$46.67.
- (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$46.50 to \$46.735. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (3) Total also includes 1,101 shares attributable to dividends earned on shares of restricted stock that were granted on November 29, 2006 and vested on November 29, 2011.
- (4) Shares held by Elizabeth A. Stropki Trust.
- (5) Held by trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 10,426.467 shares.

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