

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

April 29, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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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)

CLEVELAND, OH 44117-1199

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/25/2008

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

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

Chairman, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Common Shares	04/25/2008		M	22,538 A	\$ 21.61 51,826	D	
Common Shares	04/25/2008		S ⁽¹⁾	22,538 D	\$ 76 29,288	D	
Common Shares	04/28/2008		M	4,962 A	\$ 21.61 34,250	D	
Common Shares	04/28/2008		S ⁽¹⁾	4,962 D	\$ 76 29,288	D	
Common Shares					102.75 ⁽²⁾	I	by Trust

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Common Shares	11,733.371 (3)	I	401(k) Plan
Common Shares	28,422.654	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)	\$ 21.61	04/25/2008		M		22,538		<u>(4)</u>	10/10/2011	Common Shares	22,538
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.61	04/28/2008		M		4,962		<u>(4)</u>	10/10/2011	Common Shares	4,962

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

/Frederick G. Stueber/ Frederick G. Stueber, Attorney-in-Fact for John M. Stropki, Jr.

04/29/2008

__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) Shares sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement dated March 12, 2008.
- (2) Shares held by Elizabeth A. Stropki Trust
- (3) Held by Trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported by the plan on a unitized basis, which units represent approximately 4,861.741 shares.
- (4) The options vested in three equal annual installments vesting in full on October 10, 2004.

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