

STUEBER FREDERICK G  
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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 \*  
STUEBER FREDERICK G

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)  
12/05/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) Sr. VP, General Counsel & Secy  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

CLEVELAND, OH 44117

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 12/05/2011                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 10,000 A \$ 17.715  | 55,989  | D  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 12/05/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 5,500 D \$ 40   | 50,489  | D  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 12/05/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,900 D \$ 40.01  | 47,589  | D  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 12/05/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,000 D \$ 40.02  | 46,589  | D  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 12/05/2011                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 200 D \$ 40.03  | 46,389  | D  |   |

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|---------------|------------|------------------|-----|---|------------|-------------------|---|
| Common Shares | 12/05/2011 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 200 | D | \$ 40.04   | 46,189            | D |
| Common Shares | 12/05/2011 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 200 | D | \$ 40.0001 | 45,989            | D |
| Common Shares |            |                  |     |   |            | 40 <sup>(2)</sup> | 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 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)       | \$ 17.715  | 12/05/2011                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | 11/30/2007   | 11/30/2014  | Common Shares | 10,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| STUEBER FREDERICK G<br>22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44117 |               |           | Sr. VP, General Counsel & Secy |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, Jennifer I. Ansberry as Attorney-in-Fact for Frederick G. Stueber

12/07/2011

\_\_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 February 24, 2011.
  - (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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