

STROPKI JOHN M
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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 *
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)
03/07/2012

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	03/07/2012		M		10,000 A \$ 11.73	D	
Common Shares	03/08/2012		M		20,000 A \$ 11.73	D	
Common Shares	03/07/2012		S		7,550 D \$ 45.7	D	
Common Shares	03/08/2012		S		17,366 D \$ 11.73	D	
Common Shares						I	by Spouse

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Common Shares	221,997 ⁽²⁾	I	by Trust
Common Shares	12,402.743 ⁽³⁾	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	03/07/2012		M	10,000	11/20/2005	11/20/2012	Common Shares	10,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.73	03/08/2012		M	20,000	11/20/2005	11/20/2012	Common Shares	20,000

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.

03/09/2012

__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) 12,384 at \$46.1000; 66 at \$46.1100; 3,100 at \$46.5000; 10 at \$46.5005; 300 at \$46.5100; 300 at \$46.5200; 400 at \$46.5300; 6 at \$46.5400; 100 at \$46.5700; 700 at \$46.5900.
 - (2) Shares held by Elizabeth A. Stropki Trust.
 - (3) Held by trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 10,429.950 shares.

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