

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
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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)  
**11/02/2005**

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	(D)	Price
Common Shares	11/02/2005		M		12,000	A	\$ 19.188 0
Common Shares	11/02/2005		S		2,500	D	\$ 41.13 0
Common Shares	11/02/2005		S		2,500	D	\$ 41.396 0
Common Shares	11/02/2005		S		2,500	D	\$ 41.15 0
Common Shares	11/02/2005		S		2,500	D	\$ 41.1004 0

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Common Shares	11/02/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 41.0232	0	D	
Common Shares	11/02/2005	M	12,000	A	\$ 17.625	0	D	
Common Shares	11/02/2005	S	500	D	\$ 41.0232	0	D	
Common Shares	11/02/2005	S	2,500	D	\$ 41.064	0	D	
Common Shares	11/02/2005	S	2,500	D	\$ 41.15	0	D	
Common Shares	11/02/2005	S	2,500	D	\$ 41.1612	0	D	
Common Shares	11/02/2005	S	4,000	D	\$ 41.263	2,298	D	
Common Shares						25,137.875 (1)	I	By Trust
Common Shares						11,408.365 (2)	I	401-K

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.188	11/02/2005		D	12,000	11/13/1998 11/13/2007	Common Shares	12,000
Employee Stock	\$ 17.625	11/02/2005		D	12,000	11/13/1998 11/13/2007	Common Shares	12,000

Option  
(Right to  
Buy)

## 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/ John M.  
Stropki, Jr. 11/04/2005

\_\_Signature of Date  
Reporting Person

## 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 held by the Elizabeth A. Stropki Trust. This amount also includes 5,997.875 shares in the Lincoln Electric Dividend Reinvestment Program.  
Held by trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401-k plan. Holdings are reported by the plan, and are reflected in this report,
- (2) on a unitized basis. The total number of units reflected in this report represent approximately 4,838.808 shares. Total adjusted to reflect 232.762 units acquired since Reporting Person's last report.

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