

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

February 20, 2003

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**U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 4**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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subject to Section 16.  
Form 4 or Form 5  
obligations may continue.  
See Instruction 1(b)

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i>  Adams, Harold L. <hr/>  RTKL Associates 901 South Bond Street <hr/> <i>(Street)</i>  Baltimore, MD 21231-3305 <hr/> <i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (LECO) <hr/>  <b>4. Statement for</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>  February 19, 2003 <hr/>  <b>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> <i>(Check All Applicable)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i>  <hr/>	<b>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity</b> <i>(Voluntary)</i>  <hr/>  <b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>  <hr/>  <b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	2a. Deemed Execution Date, if any. <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>
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				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code V	Amount			
Common Shares	2/19/03		P	800	A \$20.24		D
Common Shares	2/19/03		P	500	A \$20.27		D
Common Shares	2/19/03		P	300	A \$20.28		D
Common Shares	2/19/03		P	400	A \$20.29	2,000	D

**Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
*(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)*

1. Title of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3a. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	4. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>	
				Code V	(A)	(D)

**Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned Continued**  
*(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)*

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	8. Price of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 5)</i>	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>

**Explanation of Responses:**

/s/ H. Jay Elliott  
 H. Jay Elliott,  
 as Attorney-in-Fact for  
 Harold L. Adams

February 20, 2003

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 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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 Date

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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