

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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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)
 12/03/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP; Pres. (Asia Pac.)

CLEVELAND, OH 44117
 (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)
Common Shares	12/03/2008		A	(A) or (D) A	\$ 0 (1) 5,460	D	
Common Shares					3,189.298 (2)	I	by 401(k)
Common Shares					427.147	I	by SPP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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