

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
**12/16/2013**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Executive Chairman**

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares	12/16/2013		M	20,000	A \$ 19.965	189,011	D
Common Shares	12/16/2013		S	14,447	D \$ 71.5	174,564	D
Common Shares	12/16/2013		S	776	D \$ 71.51	173,788	D
Common Shares	12/16/2013		S	1,124	D \$ 71.52	172,664	D
Common Shares	12/16/2013		S	1,000	D \$ 71.65	171,664	D

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Common Shares	12/16/2013	S	1,000	D	\$ 71.8	170,664	D	
Common Shares	12/17/2013	S	1,653	D	\$ 71	169,011	D	
Common Shares						5,000	I	by Spouse
Common Shares						227,885 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	by Trust
Common Shares						12,681.147 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan
Common Shares						83,941.699	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)	\$ 19.965	12/16/2013		M	20,000	11/30/2008	11/30/2015	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		Executive Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, Jennifer I. Ansberry as Attorney-in-Fact for John M. Stropki, Jr.

12/17/2013

\_\_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 held by Elizabeth A. Stropki Trust.
  - (2) Held by trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 10,482.844 shares.

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