

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)  
 04/25/2008

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares	04/25/2008		M		22,538	A	\$ 21.61
Common Shares	04/25/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		22,538	D	\$ 76
Common Shares	04/28/2008		M		4,962	A	\$ 21.61
Common Shares	04/28/2008		S <sup>(1)</sup>		4,962	D	\$ 76
Common Shares					102.75	I	<sup>(2)</sup>

by Trust

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Common Shares	11,733.371 <u>(3)</u>	I	401(k) Plan
Common Shares	28,422.654	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.61	04/25/2008		M	22,538	<u>(4)</u> 10/10/2011	Common Shares	22,538	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.61	04/28/2008		M	4,962	<u>(4)</u> 10/10/2011	Common Shares	4,962	

## 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

/Frederick G. Stueber/ Frederick G. Stueber, Attorney-in-Fact for John M. Stropki, Jr.

04/29/2008

\_\_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 sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement dated March 12, 2008.
- (2) Shares held by Elizabeth A. Stropki Trust
- (3) Held by Trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported by the plan on a unitized basis, which units represent approximately 4,861.741 shares.
- (4) The options vested in three equal annual installments vesting in full on October 10, 2004.

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