

STROPKI JOHN M  
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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)  
11/24/2010

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 or Price		
Common Shares	11/24/2010		M		17,500 A \$ 21.61	89,656	D
Common Shares	11/24/2010		S		1,510 D \$ 62.2	88,146	D
Common Shares	11/24/2010		S		1,100 D \$ 62.2118	87,046	D
Common Shares	11/24/2010		S		200 D \$ 62.22	86,846	D
Common Shares	11/24/2010		S		1,000 D \$ 62.21	85,846	D

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Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	1,000	D	\$ 62.129	84,846	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	1,000	D	\$ 62.12	83,846	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	1,758	D	\$ 62.1	82,088	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	799	D	\$ 62.11	81,289	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	1	D	\$ 62.135	81,288	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	2,502	D	\$ 62.15	78,786	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	3,247	D	\$ 62.13	75,539	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	1,496	D	\$ 62.14	74,043	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	785	D	\$ 62.05	73,258	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	102	D	\$ 62.101	73,156	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	401	D	\$ 62.155	72,755	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	93	D	\$ 62.162	72,662	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	202	D	\$ 62.16	72,460	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	204	D	\$ 62.18	72,256	D	
Common Shares	11/24/2010	S	100	D	\$ 62.17	72,156	D	
Common Shares						108,606 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	by Trust
Common Shares						12,198.352 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan
Common Shares						30,387.42	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)	\$ 21.61	11/24/2010		M	17,500	<u>(3)</u> 10/10/2011	Common Shares 17,500

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

11/29/2010

\_\_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 5,196,687 shares.
- (3) The options vested in three equal annual installments on October 10, 2002, October 10, 2003 and October 10, 2004.

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