

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 *
 FARRELL GRETCHEN A

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)
 03/01/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 V.P., Human Resources

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Shares | 03/01/2006 | | M | | 6,666 | A | \$ 23.90 |
| Common Shares | 03/01/2006 | | S | | 6,666 | D | \$ 47.58 (1) |
| Common Shares | | | | | | | 4,585.717 (2) |
| Common Shares | | | | | | | 1,265.519 |
| | | | | | | I | 401-K Plan |
| | | | | | | 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 (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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.9 | 03/01/2006 | | M | 6,666 | 10/08/2005 10/08/2013 | Common Shares | 6,666 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FARRELL GRETCHEN A 22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44117-1199 | | | V.P., Human Resources | |

Signatures

/s/ Gretchen A. Farrell
03/03/2006

**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) 100 shares at \$47.58, 100 shares at \$47.55, 300 shares at \$47.54, 100 shares at \$47.53, 900 shares at \$47.52, 300 shares at \$47.51, 400 shares at \$47.49, 100 shares at \$47.50, 100 shares at \$47.43, 99 shares at \$47.42, 300 shares at \$47.41, 60 shares at \$47.47, 100 shares at \$47.46, 600 shares at \$47.39, 200 shares at \$47.40, 500 shares at \$47.38, 800 shares at \$47.30, 1,607 shares at \$47.27.
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Held by trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401-k plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 1,933 shares. Total adjusted to reflect 159.737 units acquired since Reporting Person's last report.

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