

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 \*  
**STUEBER FREDERICK G**

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)  
 05/02/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP, General Counsel & Secy

CLEVELAND, OH 44117

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares	05/02/2006		M		4,068	A	\$ 23.46
Common Shares	05/02/2006		S		4,068	D	\$ 54.7566
Common Shares	05/02/2006		M		4,000	A	\$ 23.9
Common Shares	05/02/2006		S		4,000	D	\$ 54.6
							8,000

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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.46	05/02/2006		M	4,068	11/20/2005 11/20/2012	Common Shares	4,068
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.9	05/02/2006		M	4,000	<u>(1)</u> 10/08/2013	Common Shares	4,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STUEBER FREDERICK G 22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44117			Sr. VP, General Counsel & Secy	

## Signatures

/s/ Frederick G. Stueber 05/03/2006

\*\*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) Of the 4,000 options exercised, options for 3,667 shares became exercisable on October 8, 2004 and options for the remaining 333 shares became exercisable on October 8, 2005.

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