

Hedlund Steven B  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**Hedlund Steven B**

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)  
02/15/2019

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Ex. VP&Pres., Inter'l Welding

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 or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/15/2019                           |  | F                              |   | 870 D \$ 88.44  | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/18/2019                           |  | A                              |   | 2,321 (2) A \$ 0  | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | by 401(k)                         |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,205.567   |  |                                   |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 88.44   | 02/18/2019                           |  | A                              | 11,741  | <sup>(3)</sup> 02/18/2029                                | Common Shares 11,741  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Hedlund Steven B<br>22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44117-1199 |               |           | Ex. VP&Pres., Inter'l Welding |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Susan Prewitt, Attorney-in-Fact 02/20/2019

\*\*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) Total includes 292,207 SPP shares that were previously reported as indirect ownership and shares attributable to dividends accrued on the SPP shares pursuant to the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (2) Pursuant to restricted stock unit award.
- (3) The options vest in three annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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