

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
 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 \*  
 RUNTAGH HELLENE S

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)  
 9 WETHERFIELD COURT  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/07/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

POTOMAC, MD 20854

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 |   | 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  | (D) |   |  |                                   | Price |
| Common Shares                   | 12/07/2012                           |  | M                   |   | 4,000   | A   | \$ 12.72  | 20,643   | D                                 |       |
| Common Shares                   | 12/11/2012                           |  | S                   |   | 1,100   | D   | \$ 47.85  | 19,543   | D                                 |       |
| Common Shares                   | 12/11/2012                           |  | S                   |   | 300   | D   | \$ 47.87  | 19,243   | D                                 |       |
| Common Shares                   | 12/11/2012                           |  | S                   |   | 600   | D   | \$ 47.84  | 18,643   | D                                 |       |
| Common Shares                   | 12/11/2012                           |  | S                   |   | 800   | D   | \$ 47.83  | 17,843   | D                                 |       |

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|               |            |   |     |   |          |        |   |
|---------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 500 | D | \$ 47.82 | 17,343 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 200 | D | \$ 47.81 | 17,143 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 500 | D | \$ 47.8  | 16,643 | D |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 12.72   | 12/07/2012                           |  | M                              | 4,000  | 11/28/2004 11/28/2013                                    | Common Shares   | 4,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RUNTAGH HELLENE S<br>9 WETHERFIELD COURT<br>POTOMAC, MD 20854 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, Jennifer I. Ansberry as Attorney-in-Fact for Hellene S. Runtagh

12/11/2012

\*\*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).

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