

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC
 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 *
 ADAMS HAROLD L

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2012

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

1601 THE TERRACES

(Street)

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

BALTIMORE, MD 21209

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Shares | 12/10/2012 | | M | | | 4,000 | A | \$ 12.72 | 26,328 | D | |
| Common Shares | 12/10/2012 | | M | | | 4,000 | A | \$ 17.715 | 30,328 | D | |
| Common Shares | 12/10/2012 | | M | | | 7,000 | A | \$ 19.965 | 37,328 | D | |
| Common Shares | 12/10/2012 | | S | | | 182 | D | \$ 47.87 | 37,146 | D | |
| Common Shares | 12/10/2012 | | S | | | 1,265 | D | \$ 47.88 | 35,881 | D | |

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|---------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Shares | 12/10/2012 | S | 1,958 | D | \$ 47.89 | 33,923 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/10/2012 | S | 400 | D | \$ 47.9 | 33,523 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 200 | D | \$ 47.55 | 33,323 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 400 | D | \$ 47.61 | 32,923 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 800 | D | \$ 47.63 | 32,123 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 1,925 | D | \$ 47.64 | 30,198 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 100 | D | \$ 47.65 | 30,098 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 100 | D | \$ 47.68 | 29,998 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 400 | D | \$ 47.73 | 29,598 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 300 | D | \$ 47.74 | 29,298 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 500 | D | \$ 47.8 | 28,798 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 400 | D | \$ 47.81 | 28,398 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 100 | D | \$ 47.82 | 28,298 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/11/2012 | S | 300 | D | \$ 47.83 | 27,998 | D |
| Common Shares | 12/12/2012 | G | 2,835 | D | \$ 0 | 25,163 | 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 | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D S (I |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------|
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| Derivative Security | | | Code | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|------|--|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | V | (A) | | | | |
| Stock Option Right to Buy | \$ 12.72 | 12/10/2012 | M | | 4,000 | 11/28/2004 | 11/28/2013 | Common Shares | 4,000 |
| Stock Option Right to Buy | \$ 17.715 | 12/10/2012 | M | | 4,000 | 11/30/2005 | 11/30/2014 | Common Shares | 4,000 |
| Stock Option Right to Buy | \$ 19.965 | 12/10/2012 | M | | 7,000 | 11/30/2006 | 11/30/2015 | Common Shares | 7,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ADAMS HAROLD L 1601 THE TERRACES BALTIMORE, MD 21209 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, Jennifer I. Ansberry as Attorney-in-Fact for Harold L. Adams

12/12/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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