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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

#### FORM 4

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

O Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.
See Instruction 1(b)

Elliott, H. Ja	ast, First, Midd	porting le)	2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (LECO)	3.	I.R.S. Identification Number of Reportin Person, if an entity (Voluntary)					
22801 Saint Clair Avenue				Statement for (Month/Day/Year) January 2, 2003	5.	If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199			6.	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)	7.	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
			_	O Director O 10% Owner		X	Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City)	ity) (State) (Zip			<ul> <li>Officer (give title below)</li> <li>Other (specify below)</li> </ul>		o	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(	Cleveland, (	(Street) Cleveland, Ohio 44117-119	(Street) Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199	(Street) <b>6.</b> Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199	(Street)  General Saint Clair Avenue  January 2, 2003  6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)  O Director O 10% Owner  City) (State) (Zip)  X Officer (give title below)	(Street)  (Street)  (Street)  (Street)  (Street)  (Street)  (State)  (State	(Month/Day/Year)  January 2, 2003  (Street)  6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)  O Director O 10% Owner X  (City) (State) (Zip)  X Officer (give title below) O Other (specify below) Senior Vice President, Chief				

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

• 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)	or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				Owned	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
							Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price				
	Common Shares		1/02/03				M	2,000	A	\$13.625			D	
	Common Shares		1/02/03				S(1)	2,000	D	\$23.49		16,916 (2)	D	

# $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Table II} & \textbf{Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned} \\ & (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

1.	1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)		Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3.	Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3a. Deemed Execution 4. Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Transaction 5. Code (Instr. 8)	Number of Securities Acquired (D) (Instr. 3, 4)		
									Code V	(A)	( <b>D</b> )	
	Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)		\$13.625		1/2/03				D		2,000	
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		Т	able II De					Disposed of, or options, convert					
6.	Date Exercis Expiration I (Month/Day/	Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9.	Number of Deriv Securities Benefi Owned Following Repor Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	icially	10.	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares									
	10/1/99	10/1/2006	Common Shares	2,000				233,3	300		D		
Ex	planation of	f Responses	•										
(1)	Shares sold	pursuant to	a Rule 10b5-	1 trading arra	ange	ement dated	l N	ovember 7, 2002	2.				
	Number of s stee on a uni		ts 6,916 shar	es held indire	ectly	y in the Lin	col	n Electric 401(k)	) plan as of	Nov	vember 30, 2002 as report	ed b	y the Plan
			/s/ H. Jay	/ Elliott		Jan	uar	y 6, 2003					
		_					I	Date					

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).