

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 \*  
 LeBlanc David M

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)  
 07/25/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP; Pres. (Europe)

CLEVELAND, OH 44117  
 (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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |               |   |           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---------------|---|-----------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |               |   |           |
| Common Shares                   | 07/25/2008                           |  | M                              | V   | 10,000  | A  | \$ 35.43                                   | 14,050        | D |           |
| Common Shares                   | 07/25/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 6,582   | D  | \$ 79.97<br>(1)                            | 7,468         | D |           |
| Common Shares                   | 07/25/2008                           |  | S                              |   | 3,418   | D  | \$ 79.08<br>(2)                            | 4,050         | D |           |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |  | 3,218.692 (3) | I | by 401(k) |



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- (3) Held by Trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 1,332.990 shares.

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