

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

December 03, 2010

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)  
12/01/2010

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

Sr. VP; President, LE Int'l

CLEVELAND, OH 44117

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Shares                      | 12/01/2010                              |                                                             | A                                    | 2,270                                                                      | A<br>\$ 0<br>(1)                                                                                                   | 14,799                                                               | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Shares                      |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                            | 3,666.074 (2)                                                                                                      | I                                                                    | By 401(k)                                                         |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 62.63                                               | 12/01/2010                           |                                                    | A                              | 7,710                                                                                   | <sup>(3)</sup> 12/01/2020                                | Common Shares                                                 | 7,710                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| LeBlanc David M<br>22801 ST CLAIR AVENUE<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44117 | Sr. VP; President, LE Int'l      |

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, Jennifer I. Ansberry as Attorney-in-Fact for David M. LeBlanc

12/02/2010

\_\_\_\_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) Pursuant to restricted share award.

(2) Held by Trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 1561.804 shares.

(3) The option vests in three equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.

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