

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 \*  
**STUEBER FREDERICK G**

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)  
**02/11/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr. VP, General Counsel & Secy**

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Shares	02/11/2005		M	10,000 A \$ 21.61	0	D	
Common Shares	02/11/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000 D \$ 32.6649	5,000	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 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.61	02/11/2005		M	10,000	10/10/2004 10/10/2011	Common Shares 10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer
STUEBER FREDERICK G 22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44117			Sr. VP, General Counsel & Secy

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, Jennifer I. Ansberry as Attorney-in-Fact for Frederick G. Stueber

02/11/2005

\_\_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) Shares sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement dated November 12, 2004.

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