

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 \*  
 SCHILLING JAMES E

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)  
 02/23/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. V.P. Corporate Development

CLEVELAND, OH 44117  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Shares	02/23/2006		M		6,667 A \$ 23.90	D	
Common Shares	02/23/2006		S		6,667 D \$ 45.85 (1)	D	
Common Shares	02/23/2006		M		7,518 A \$ 23.46	D	
Common Shares	02/23/2006		S		7,518 D \$ 46.24 (2)	D	

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.9	02/23/2006		M	6,667	<u>(3)</u> 10/08/2013	Common Shares	6,667
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.46	02/23/2006		M	7,518	11/20/2005 11/20/2012	Common Shares	7,518

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHILLING JAMES E 22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44117			Sr. V.P. Corporate Development	

## Signatures

/s/ James E. Schilling 02/27/2006

\*\*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).

- 99 shares at \$45.85, 100 shares at \$45.91, 104 shares at \$45.92, 200 shares at \$45.93, 100 shares at \$45.96, 1 share at \$45.97, 99 shares at \$45.99, 299 shares at \$46.00, 100 shares at \$46.01, 201 shares at \$46.03, 100 shares at \$46.05, 199 shares at \$46.08, 500 shares at \$46.10,
- (1) 1 share at \$46.11, 100 shares at \$46.13, 100 shares at \$46.16, 300 shares at \$46.17, 99 shares at \$46.18, 300 shares at \$46.20, 100 shares at \$46.21, 200 shares at \$46.22, 99 shares at \$46.23, 400 shares at \$46.25, 100 shares at \$46.26, 100 shares at \$46.29, 2000 shares at \$46.30, 466 shares at \$46.31, 100 shares at \$46.32 and 100 shares at \$46.33
- (2) 900 shares at \$46.24, 934 shares at \$46.31, 100 shares at \$46.32, 300 shares at \$46.38, 2100 shares at \$46.40, 500 shares at \$46.41, 600 shares at \$46.42, 100 shares at \$46.44, 1284 shares at \$46.45, 300 shares at \$46.46 and 400 shares at \$46.47.
- (3) The option vests in 1/3 increments on October 8, 2004, October 8, 2005 and October 8, 2006.

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