

PETRELLA VINCENT K
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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 *
PETRELLA VINCENT K

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)
02/29/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior V.P, CFO & Treasurer

CLEVELAND, OH 44117

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	02/29/2012		M		50,000	A	\$ 17.715
Common Shares	02/29/2012		S		8,400	D	\$ 46.45
Common Shares	03/01/2012		S		11,119	D	\$ 46.7718 (1)
Common Shares	03/02/2012		S		30,481	D	(2) 52,012
Common Shares							3,471.997 (3) I

by 401(k)

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.715	02/29/2012		M	50,000	11/30/2007	11/30/2014	Common Shares	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
PETRELLA VINCENT K 22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44117	Director 10% Owner Officer Senior V.P, CFO & Treasurer Other

Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, Jennifer I. Ansberry as Attorney-in-Fact for Vincent K. Petrella 03/02/2012

__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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$46.75 to \$46.875. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (2) 1,190 at \$46.110; 200 at \$46.111; 583 at \$46.114; 100 at \$46.140; 200 at \$46.164; 200 at \$46.171; 100 at \$46.174; 100 at \$46.180; 100 at \$46.183; 300 at \$46.190; 26,408 at \$46.65; 100 at \$46.722; 400 at \$46.745; 100 at \$46.76; 200 at \$46.79; 100 at \$46.795; 100 at \$46.80.

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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 2,918.763 shares.

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