

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

May 09, 2007

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

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See Instruction  
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)

CLEVELAND, OH 44117

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/07/2007

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

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

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

**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)
Common Shares	05/07/2007		M	4,000 A	\$ 23.9 0	D	
Common Shares	05/07/2007		S	4,000 D	(1) 0	D	
Common Shares	05/07/2007		M	5,000 A	\$ 35.43 0	D	
Common Shares	05/07/2007		S	5,000 D	(2) 2,810	D	
Common Shares					3,067.316 (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)	\$ 23.9	05/07/2007		M	4,000	10/08/2006 10/08/2013	Common Shares 4,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.43	05/07/2007		M	5,000	11/30/2005 11/30/2014	Common Shares 5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
LeBlanc David M 22801 ST CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44117	VP; Pres. (Europe)

## Signatures

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

05/09/2007

\_\_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) 700 shares sold at \$68.28, 379 shares sold at \$68.27, 1,000 shares sold at \$68.10, 500 shares sold at \$68.26, 1100 shares sold at \$68.25, 200 shares sold at \$68.24 and 121 shares sold at \$68.22.
- (2) 400 shares sold at \$68.22, 1739 shares sold at \$68.16, 1,800 shares sold at \$68.15, 261 shares sold at \$68.14 and 800 shares sold at \$68.13.
- (3) Held by Trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 1,276.589 shares.

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