

STUEBER FREDERICK G  
Form 4  
February 19, 2003

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 4**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

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| <p><b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i></p> <p>Stueber, Frederick G.</p>  | <p><b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b></p> <p>Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (LECO)</p>   | <p><b>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity</b> <i>(Voluntary)</i></p> |
| <p>22801 Saint Clair Avenue</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Street)</i></p> <p>Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199</p> <p><i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i></p>   | <p><b>4. Statement for</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i></p> <p>February 18, 2003</p>   | <p><b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i></p>                            |
| <p><b>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> <i>(Check All Applicable)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director    <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary</p> | <p><b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |  |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* instruction 4(b)(v).

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

| 1. Title of Security<br><i>(Instr. 3)</i> | 2. Transaction Date<br><i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 2a. Deemed Execution Date, if any.<br><i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 3. Transaction Code<br><i>(Instr. 8)</i> | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br><i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i> | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s)<br><i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i> | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br><i>(Instr. 4)</i> | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br><i>(Instr. 4)</i> |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
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|               |          |  | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price   |   |
|---------------|----------|--|------|---|--------|------------|---------|---|
| Common Shares | 02/18/03 |  | M    |   | 6,667  | A          | \$13.50 | D |

|               |          |  |      |  |       |   |         |         |
|---------------|----------|--|------|--|-------|---|---------|---------|
| Common Shares | 02/18/03 |  | S(1) |  | 6,667 | D | \$20.24 | 5,300 D |
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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<br><i>(Instr. 3)</i> | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br><i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 3a. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br><i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 4. Transaction Code<br><i>(Instr. 8)</i> | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br><i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i> |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  | Code V                                   | (A) (D)  |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)                 | \$13.50  | 2/18/03  |  | M  | 6,667  |



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/s/ H. Jay Elliott  
H. Jay Elliott,  
as Attorney-in-Fact for  
Frederick G. Stueber

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\*\*Signature of Reporting  
Person

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Date

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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