

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

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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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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i>  Blankenship, George D.	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (LECO)	<b>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity</b> <i>(Voluntary)</i>
22801 Saint Clair Avenue  <i>(Street)</i>  Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199  <i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i>	<b>4. Statement for</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>  November 22, 2002	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>
o Director    o 10% Owner	<b>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> <i>(Check All Applicable)</i>  x Officer <i>(give title below)</i>  o Other <i>(specify below)</i>  Vice President, Engineering of The Lincoln Electric Company	<b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i>  x Form filed by One Reporting Person  o Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	2a. Deemed Execution Date, if any. <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>
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(A)  
or  
Code V      Amount (D)      Price

**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)
				Code V	(A) (D)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$23.46	11/20/02		A	11,825

**Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned** Continued  
*(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)*

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	8. Price of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 5)</i>	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
(1)	11/20/12	Common Shares	11,825	49,325	D

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Grant of non-qualified option to buy shares under Issuers 1998 Stock Option Plan. The Option becomes exercisable in 33 1/3 percent increments on November 20, 2003, November 20, 2004 and November 20, 2005.

/s/ George D. Blankenship

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Date

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\*\*Signature of Reporting  
Person

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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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