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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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subject to Section 16.  
Form 4 or Form 5  
obligations may continue.  
See Instruction 1(b).

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>	<b>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity</b> <i>(Voluntary)</i>
Stueber, Frederick G.	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (LECO)	
<b>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</b>	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	
22801 Saint Clair Avenue	October 18, 2002	
<i>(Street)</i>	<b>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> <i>(Check All Applicable)</i>	<b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i>
Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
<i>(City)                      (State)                      (Zip)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i>	
	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	

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).

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>
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	10/18/02		M		6,000	A	\$13.50		D	
Common Shares	10/18/02		S(1)		6,000	D	\$22.41	5,300	D	

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)	\$13.50	10/18/02		M		6,000

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 (Month/Day/Year)		7.	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8.	Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9.	Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10.	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11.	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
	(2)	10/11/10		Common Shares	6,000		91,334		D			

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Shares sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement dated December 18, 2001.
- (2) Options granted on October 11, 2000 pursuant to the Issuer’s 1998 Stock Option Plan. The option becomes exercisable in 33 1/3 percent increments on October 11, 2001, October 11, 2002 and October 11, 2003.

/s/ Frederick G. Stueber

October 18, 2002

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

\*\* 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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