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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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i> Schilling, James E. <hr/> 22801 Saint Clair Avenue <hr/> <i>(Street)</i> Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199 <hr/> <i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (LECO) <hr/> 4. Statement for <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> December 9, 2002 <hr/> 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer <i>(Check All Applicable)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i> Senior Vice President, Corporate Development <hr/>	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity <i>(Voluntary)</i> <hr/> 5. If Amendment, Date of Original <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> <hr/> 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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).

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>	(A) or (D)	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	Price		
Common Shares	12/9/02		M		12,800	\$13.50	D	
Common Shares	12/9/02		S(1)		7,500	\$24.05	D	
Common Shares	12/9/02		S(1)		2,500	\$24.03	D	
Common Shares	12/9/02		S(1)		2,800	\$24.00	6,357(2)	D

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

1. Title of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3a. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	4. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$13.50	12/9/02		D		12,800	

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>
(3) 10/11/2010	Common Shares 12,800		82,250	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Shares sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement dated October 31, 2002.
- (2) Number of shares reflects 3,357 shares held indirectly in the Lincoln Electric 401(k) Plan as of November 30, 2002 as reported by the Plan trustee on a unitied basis.
- (3) Grant of non-qualified option to buy shares under 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/ James E. Schilling

**Signature of Reporting Person

December 11, 2002

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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