

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 BLANKENSHIP GEORGE D

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/10/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. V.P., Global Engineering

CLEVELAND, OH 44117-1199  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares	08/10/2007		M		3,000	A	\$ 22.375
Common Shares	08/10/2007		S		3,000	D	0
Common Shares	08/10/2007		M		12,500	A	\$ 21.61
Common Shares	08/10/2007		S		12,500	D	3,920
Common Shares							5,949.136

I by 401-k  
(3)

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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)	\$ 22.375	08/10/2007		M	3,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 11/11/2008	Common Shares 3,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.61	08/10/2007		M	12,500	<sup>(4)</sup> 10/10/2011	Common Shares 12,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLANKENSHIP GEORGE D 22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44117-1199			Sr. V.P., Global Engineering	

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, as Attorney-in-Fact for George D. Blankenship  
 08/13/2007  
 \*\*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).

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100 shares sold at \$73.36; 65 shares sold at \$73.31; 200 shares sold at \$73.06; 200 shares sold at \$73.05; 100 shares sold at \$73.07; 100 shares sold at \$73.19; 100 shares sold at \$73.20; 100 shares sold at \$73.27; 100 shares sold at \$73.23; 100 shares sold at \$73.22; 236 shares sold at \$73.02; 100 shares sold at \$73.05; 100 shares sold at \$72.85; 500 shares sold at \$72.86; 899 shares sold at \$73.00.

701 shares sold at \$73.00; 100 shares sold at \$72.77; 600 shares sold at \$72.69; 100 shares sold at \$72.47; 99 shares sold at \$73.13; 300 shares sold at \$72.49; 200 shares sold at \$73.06; 157 shares sold at \$72.56; 100 shares sold at \$72.57; 100 shares sold at \$72.66; 300 shares sold at \$72.76; 600 shares sold at \$72.69; 800 shares sold at \$72.30; 300 shares sold at \$72.43; 100 shares sold at \$72.44; 100 shares sold at \$72.11; 100 shares sold at \$72.12; 200 shares sold at \$72.77; 1,400 shares sold at \$72.29; 100 shares sold at \$72.30; 380 shares sold at \$72.09; 5,663 shares sold at \$72.00.

(3) Held by trust pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 2,469,559.

(4) Exercisable in three equal 1/3 installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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