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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

	Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).							
1.	Name and Address of Reporting Person* (Last, First, Middle)	2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	3.	I.R.S. Identification Number of Reportin Person, if an entity (Voluntary)			
	Massaro, Anthony A.	_	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (LECO)	-				
		4.	Statement for Month/Day/Year	5.	If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			
	22801 Saint Clair Avenue	_	November 4, 2002	-				
(Street)		6.	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)	7.	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
	Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199	_	☑ Director ☐ 10% Owner		▼ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
	(City) (State) (Zip)		<b>☒</b> Officer (give title below)		Form filed by More than One Reporting			
			☐ Other (specify below)		Person			
			Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer	_				

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

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

Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2a.Deemed Execution (Month/Day/Year) Date, if any.					4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(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		11/1/02		М		20,100	A	\$13.625		D	
Common Shares		11/1/02		M		4,900	A	\$13.50		D	
Common Shares		11/1/02		S		25,000	D	\$23.66	27,411.641(1)	D(1)	

## 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)		erivative 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3a. Deemed Execution 4. Date Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)			ion	5.		Derivative Securities ) or Disposed of (D) ad 5)	
							Code	V		(A)	( <b>D</b> )	
	Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)		\$13.625		11/1/02		M			20,100		
	Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)		\$13.50		11/1/02		M			4,900		
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Expiration I		o: S	ecurities	ing	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9.		wned	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11.	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Date Exercisable			itle	Amount or Number of Shares							
10/1/99	10/1/06			20,100					D		
(1)	10/11/10			4,900			675,100		D		
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date  10/1/99 10/1/06	Expiration Date	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and Instr. 3 and Instruction 3 and Instr. 3 and Instruction 3 and Instru	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date    Common   Common	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date  Common 10/1/99 10/1/06  Common  Common Common Common Common Common Common Common Common Common Common Common Common Common Common Common Common Common	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Of Underlying Securities Security (Instr. 3 and 4)  Otherlying Securities Security (Instr. 5)  Amount or Number of Exercisable Date  Common 10/1/99 10/1/06  Common Common	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of Underlying Securities Security Following Reported Transport (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4)  Amount or Number of Exercisable Date Title Shares  Common Shares 20,100  Common	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Of Underlying Securities Security (Instr. 3 and 4)  Amount or Number of Exercisable Date  Common 10/1/99 10/1/06  Common C	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of Underlying Securities Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Derivative Security Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)    Date   Expiration Exercisable   Date   Date   Date   Shares	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of Underlying Securities Security (Instr. 3 and 4) Derivative Security Following Reported Transaction(s) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)    Date   Expiration Exercisable   Date   Date   Date   Common Shares   20,100   Common

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Number of shares reflects (i) 4,251.901 shares indirectly held in The Lincoln Electric Company Stock Purchase Plan as of October 31, 2002, (ii) 907.680 shares indirectly held in The Lincoln Electric 401(k) Plan as of October 31, 2002 as reported by the Plan trustee on a unitized basis, and (iii) 200 shares held by the Reporting Person's spouse.

(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/ Anthony A. Massaro	November 4, 2002
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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