LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STUEBER FREDERICK G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44117

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC [LECO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/02/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP, General Counsel & Secy

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	05/02/2006		M		4,068	A	$ 23.46	0	D	
Common Shares	05/02/2006		S		4,068	D	$ 54.7566	0	D	
Common Shares	05/02/2006		M		4,000	A	$ 23.9	0	D	
Common Shares	05/02/2006		S		4,000	D	$ 54.6	8,000	D	

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)	$ 23.46	05/02/2006		M			4,068	11/20/2005	11/20/2012	Common Shares	4,068
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 23.9	05/02/2006		M			4,000	(1)	10/08/2013	Common Shares	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STUEBER FREDERICK G 22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44117			Sr. VP, General Counsel & Secy	

Signatures

/s/ Frederick G. Stueber	05/03/2006
**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).

(1) Of the 4,000 options exercised, options for 3,667 shares became exercisable on October 8, 2004 and options for the remaining 333 shares became exercisable on October 8, 2005.

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