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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Benny Purushotam Patel</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>22801 SAINT CLAIR AVENUE</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>CLEVELAND OH 44117</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/21/2018</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC [LECO]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director Officer (give title below) 10% Owner Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Shares</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/Susan Prewitt as attorney-in-fact for Benny P. Patel 02/23/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 5 (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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LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.

Power of Attorney
To Sign and File Section 16 and Rule 144 Reporting Forms

THE UNDERSIGNED, Ben Patel, a Director of Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. hereby constitutes and appoints Jennifer I. Ansberry, Vincent K. Petrella, Michael Quinn and Susan Prewitt, or any of them, as his or her attorney-in-fact to sign and file on the undersigned's behalf (i) any and all forms and reports required under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including all Forms 3, 4 and 5, relating to Lincoln's equity securities and (ii) any and all notices required by Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to the sale of shares of Lincoln's equity securities. This power of attorney shall remain valid, unless revoked in writing, for as long as the undersigned serves as a Director of Lincoln or until the reporting obligation ceases (whichever first occurs).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereunto places his or her hand.

/s/ Ben Patel
Ben Patel

Date: February 2, 2018