

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Flohn Thomas A</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 22801 ST CLAIR AVENUE <hr/> (Street) CLEVELAND OH 44117 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC [LECO] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) SVP; Pres, Asia Pacific Region |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2018 | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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 | 12/14/2018 | | F | | 436 | D | \$80.21 | 22,324 | D | |
| Common Shares | | | | | | | | 5,202.997 | I | by 401(k) |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | (A) | (D) | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Susan Prewitt, Attorney-in-Fact 12/18/2018

** 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 4 (b)(v).

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LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.

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

THE UNDERSIGNED, Thomas A. Flohn, deemed to be an Officer 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 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 is deemed to be an Officer of Lincoln or until the reporting obligation ceases.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereunto places his hand.

/s/ Thomas A. Flohn
Thomas A. Flohn

Date: April 19, 2018