

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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

**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) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Shares                   | 9,961 <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | D  | ^   |
| Common Shares                   | 17,551.819 <sup>(2)</sup>                             | I  | by 401(k)   |

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

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**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 | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|---|---|---|
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|                                      | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title         | Amount or Number of Shares | Security  | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 12/01/2013       | 12/01/2020      | Common Shares | 2,047                      | \$ 31.315 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 11/02/2013       | 11/02/2021      | Common Shares | 1,770                      | \$ 35.55  | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 11/02/2014       | 11/02/2021      | Common Shares | 1,770                      | \$ 35.55  | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | Â (3)            | 12/13/2022      | Common Shares | 5,340                      | \$ 47.91  | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Nangle David J<br>22801 SAINT CLAIR AVENUE<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44117 | Â             | Â         | Â V.P; Pres. of Brazing | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry as attorney-in fact for David J. Nangle 04/26/2013

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) 4,260 shares represent restricted stock and 3,420 shares represent restricted stock units.
- (2) Held by Trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 14,716.525 shares.
- (3) The options become exercisable in three annual installments on December 13, 2013, December 13, 2014, and December 13, 2015.

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