FARRELL GRETCHEN A

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response...

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| FARRELL GRETCHEN A Sy | | | Symbol LINCO | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC [LECO] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--|--|-----|-----------|--|---|--|------------------|----------|
| | | | ate of Earliest Transaction nth/Day/Year) 02/2007 | | | | | Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) V.P., Human Resources | | | |
| | | | | nendment, Date Original onth/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | le I - No | n-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction E (Month/Day/Ye | ar) Execution | med 3. 4. Securities Acquired on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or | | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common | | | | Code | | Amount | ` / | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Shares | 03/15/2007 | | | G | V | 10 | D | \$ 0 | 0 | D | |
| Common Shares | 05/02/2007 | | | M | | 1,334 | A | \$ 21.5 | 0 | D | |
| Common Shares | 05/02/2007 | | | S | | 1,334 | D | <u>(1)</u> | 0 | D | |
| Common Shares | 05/02/2007 | | | M | | 4,000 | A | \$ 35.43 | 0 | D | |
| Common Shares | 05/02/2007 | | | S | | 4,000 | D | (2) | 2,290 | D | |

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| Common Shares | 5,136.106 <u>(3)</u> | I | by 401(k) | | | | |
|--|----------------------|---|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| Common Shares | 1,490.398 | I | by SPP | | | | |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. | | | | | | | |
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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

number.

| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number out 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) | \$ 21.5 | 05/02/2007 | | M | 1,334 | 10/15/2005 | 10/15/2012 | Common Shares | 1,334 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 35.43 | 05/02/2007 | | M | 4,000 | 11/30/2006 | 11/30/2014 | Common Shares | 4,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Kelationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| .r. g | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| FARRELL GRETCHEN A 22801 ST. CLAIR AVENUE | | | V.P., Human Resources | | | | |
| CLEVELAND, OH 44117-1199 | | | | | | | |

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Signatures

/s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry, as Attorney-in-Fact for Gretchen A. Farrell

05/04/2007

**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) 42 shares at \$67.05, 702 shares at \$67.08, 100 shares at \$67.09, and 490 shares at \$67.11.
- (2) 147 shares at \$66.96, 200 shares at \$66.97, 200 shares at \$66.98, 500 shares at \$66.99, 1,500 shares at \$66.992, 200 shares at \$67.00, 600 shares at \$67.01, 300 shares at \$67.02, 253 shares at \$67.05, and 100 shares at \$67.06.
- (3) Held by trustee pursuant to The Lincoln Electric Company 401(k) plan. Holdings are reported on a unitized basis, which amount represents approximately 2,139.212 shares.

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