

Aikman Steven William
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Aikman Steven William

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC
 [FELE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 11510 CHESTNUT RIDGE DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/06/2013

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Global Water Systems Engin

FORT WAYNE, IN 46814

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Restricted stock award | 03/06/2013 | | A | 706 A \$0 (1) | 5,701 (2) | 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)

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| 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) | 8. P Der Sec (Ins |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------|
| option | \$ 65.06 | 03/06/2013 | | A | 2,534 | (3) 03/06/2023 | common stock | 2,534 \$ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Aikman Steven William 11510 CHESTNUT RIDGE DRIVE FORT WAYNE, IN 46814 | | | VP, Global Water Systems Engin | |

Signatures

Steven W. Aikman 03/11/2013

**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) Restricted stock shares vest 4 years after the 3/6/2013 grant date.
includes 706 restricted shares that vest 4 years after the 3/6/2013 grant date, 1098 restricted shares that vest 4 years after the 5/4/2012 grant date, 897 restricted shares that vest 4 years after the 3/2/2011 grant date, and 3000 restricted shares that vest 4 years after the 6/7/2010 grant date.
- (3) The options became exercisable in four equal installments of 1/4 each year, beginning on the first anniversary of the 3/6/2013 grant date
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