

**Lincoln Electric Names Michele R. Kuhrt as Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer
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CLEVELAND, Feb. 25, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: LECO) ("Company"), announced today that Michele R. Kuhrt will serve as Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO), effectively immediately. In this role, Kuhrt will be responsible for leading the global human resources team, with an emphasis on employee engagement and development, diversity and inclusion, and enhancing HR systems and processes. She will report to Christopher L. Mapes, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

"Michele has extensive experience with our culture, the integration of complex systems and collaboration with teams across multinational business units, which makes her a strong fit to lead our human resources function," stated Christopher L. Mapes, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Her track record of developing talented and highly engaged teams will be a catalyst for us as we execute on our long-term strategy for the Company."

Kuhrt joined Lincoln Electric in 1997 as Director of Taxes and later served as Company Officer and Senior Vice President, Tax with responsibility for Lincoln Electric's global tax matters and has worked closely with all of the global businesses. She most recently served as Executive Vice President, Chief Information Officer, a position she has held since 2016. In that role, she was a member of the Management Committee and was instrumental in the successful roll out of many global initiatives. Prior to joining Lincoln Electric, Kuhrt was with Elsag Bailey Process Automation (a unit of ABB) and Pricewaterhouse Coopers. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree in accountancy from Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management.

About Lincoln Electric

Lincoln Electric is the world leader in the design, development and manufacture of arc welding products, robotic arc welding systems, plasma and oxy-fuel cutting equipment and has a leading global position in the brazing and soldering alloys market. Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, Lincoln has 60 manufacturing locations, including operations and joint ventures in 19 countries and a worldwide network of distributors and sales offices covering more than 160 countries. For more information about Lincoln Electric and its products and services, visit the Company's website at www.lincolnelectric.com.

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Michele R. Kuhrt Named as Lincoln Electric's Executive Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer. Cleveland, Ohio.

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