

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 07, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

**Current Report**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 6, 2012

**LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-1402  
(Commission  
File Number)

34-1860551  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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22801 St Clair Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44117

(Address of principal executive offices, with zip code)

(216) 481-8100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 6, 2012, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it had acquired all of the outstanding stock of Weartech International, Inc., a California corporation, along with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Weartech International Limited, a company organized under the laws of England and Wales (collectively, Weartech). Weartech, a producer of cobalt-based hard facing and wear-resistant welding consumables, is located in Anaheim, California and Port Talbot, Wales.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on March 6, 2012 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The press release is also available on the Company's website at [www.lincolnelectric.com](http://www.lincolnelectric.com).

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the Exhibit, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 The Company's press release dated March 6, 2012.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.**

Date: March 7, 2012

By: /s/ Frederick G. Stueber  
**Frederick G. Stueber**  
**Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**

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**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

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