

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

February 17, 2005

**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): **February 17, 2005**

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-1402
(Commission File Number)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

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

**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)
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- 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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 17, 2005, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release reporting its financial results for the quarter and year-ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the Company's press release issued on February 17, 2005 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference and also is available through the Company's website at 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.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. dated February 17, 2005.

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: February 17, 2005

By: /s/ Vincent K. Petrella
Vincent K. Petrella
Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer

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| 99.1 | Press release dated February 17, 2005. |