

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 24, 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): **April 24, 2012**

**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)

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(216) 481-8100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On April 24, 2012, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release reporting its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. A copy of the Company s press release issued on April 24, 2012 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference. The press release is also available through 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 April 24, 2012.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.**

**/s/ Vincent K. Petrella**

**Vincent K. Petrella**

**Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer**

**(principal financial and accounting officer)**

**April 24, 2012**

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**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Exhibit</u></b>
99.1	The Company's press release dated April 24, 2012.

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