

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**

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	The Company's press release dated March 6, 2012.