

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 03, 2010

**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 29, 2010**

**LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-1402**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**34-1860551**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**22801 St. Clair Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44117**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(216) 481-8100**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**

(Former name and 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:

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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 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

The 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company) was held on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at the Marriott Cleveland East, 26300 Harvard Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

The final results of voting on each of the matters submitted for a vote of security holders at the 2010 Annual Meeting are as follows:

1. Shareholders elected four directors, each to hold office until the 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, as set forth below.

| Name                      | Votes For  | Votes Withheld | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Stephen G. Hanks          | 30,234,917 | 246,330        | 0           | 7,099,027        |
| Kathryn Jo Lincoln        | 30,075,456 | 405,791        | 0           | 7,099,027        |
| William E. MacDonald, III | 30,198,508 | 282,739        | 0           | 7,099,027        |
| George H. Walls, Jr.      | 30,232,079 | 249,168        | 0           | 7,099,027        |

2. Shareholders ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2010, as set forth below.

| Votes For  | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 37,334,707 | 186,361       | 59,206      | 0                |

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**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: April 30, 2010

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