

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

April 15, 2004

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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 15, 2004**

**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)

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**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. dated April 15, 2004.

**Item 12 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On April 15, 2004, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. issued a press release reporting its 2004 first quarter financial results. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference and also made 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.

**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 15, 2004

By: /s/ Vincent K. Petrella

**Vincent K. Petrella  
Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer and Treasurer**

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