

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

May 22, 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): May 17, 2012**

**LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-1402

(Commission File Number)

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**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction

**34-1860551**  
(I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

**22801 St Clair Avenue**

Identification No.)

**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 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 17, 2012, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it had acquired all of the outstanding stock of Wayne Trail Technologies, Inc., an Ohio corporation ( Wayne Trail ). Wayne Trail, a manufacturer of automated systems and tooling, is located in Fort Loramie, Ohio.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on May 17, 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 May 17, 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: May 22, 2012

By: /s/ Vincent K. Petrella

**Vincent K. Petrella**

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

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**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	The Company's press release dated May 17, 2012.