

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 02, 2009

**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): February 2, 2009**

**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)

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 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 2, 2009, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release reporting cost-saving measures. A copy of the Company s press release issued on February 2, 2009 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).

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 The Company s press release dated February 2, 2009.

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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**

/s/ Vincent K. Petrella

**Vincent K. Petrella**  
**Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and**  
**Treasurer**  
**(principal financial and accounting officer)**  
**February 2, 2009**

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**LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.  
INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>                                      |
|--------------------|---|
| 99.1               | The Company's press release dated February 2, 2009. |