

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 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): December 12, 2016**

**LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

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

**000-1402**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

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

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**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:

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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On December 12, 2016, Frederick G. Stueber informed Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company) that he will retire from his position as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company in April 2017. A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Stueber's retirement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 The Company's press release dated December 14, 2016 announcing the retirement of Frederick G. Stueber

**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: December 14, 2016

By: /s/ Vincent K. Petrella  
Vincent K. Petrella  
Executive Vice President, CFO & Treasurer

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**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
99.1	The Company's press release dated December 14, 2016 announcing the retirement of Frederick G. Stueber