

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

January 05, 2005

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**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): **January 4, 2005**

**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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 4, 2005, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company) announced the execution of a letter of intent to acquire all of the outstanding stock of the J.W. Harris Co., Inc., a privately held brazing and soldering alloys manufacturer headquartered in Mason, Ohio. The transaction is subject to the completion of due diligence, Board approval of a definitive share purchase agreement, and regulatory approval. The acquisition is expected to close by the end of the 2005 first quarter. Terms were not disclosed. A copy of the Company's press release issued on January 4, 2005 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(c) Exhibits**

99.1 Press release dated January 4, 2005.

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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: January 5, 2005

By: /s/ Vincent K. Petrella  
**Vincent K. Petrella**  
**Vice President, Chief Financial**  
**Officer**  
**and Treasurer**

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<b><u>Exhibit Number</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press release dated January 4, 2005.