

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

December 12, 2005

**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): **December 6, 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):

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Item 2.05

Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

On December 6, 2005, the Company committed to a plan to rationalize manufacturing operations (the Rationalization) at Harris Calorific Limited (Harris Ireland). In connection with the Rationalization, the Company intends to transfer all manufacturing currently taking place at Harris Ireland to a lower cost facility in Eastern Europe.

The Company expects to incur a charge of approximately \$4 million (pre-tax) associated with employee severance costs, equipment relocation, employee retention and professional services. Approximately 70 employees will be impacted by the Rationalization.

Rationalization charges will be incurred beginning in the fourth quarter of 2005, and continuing through the end of 2006. Cash expenditures are expected to be paid throughout 2006 with the expected completion of the Rationalization at the end of 2006.

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 12, 2005

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