

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC
Form 8-K
December 29, 2010

**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 28, 2010

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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 - 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 December 28, 2010, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire OOO Severstal-metiz: welding consumables, a Russian manufacturer of welding consumables and a subsidiary of OAO Severstal. A copy of the press release issued by the Company on December 28, 2010 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 The Company s press release dated December 28, 2010.

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 28, 2010

By: /s/ Frederick G. Stueber
Frederick G. Stueber
Senior Vice President, General
Counsel and Secretary

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| Exhibit No. | Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | The Company's press release dated December 28, 2010. |