

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

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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):

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