

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 05, 2013

**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): August 5, 2013**

**LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

of Incorporation)

**0-1402**  
(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, with zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 481-8100**

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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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 August 5, 2013, John M. Stropki, Jr. informed Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company) that he will retire from his position as Executive Chairman and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company in December 2013. A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Stropki'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 Press release announcing the retirement of John M. Stropki, Jr. dated August 5, 2013.

**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.

By: /s/ Frederick G. Stueber  
Frederick G. Stueber, Senior V.P.,  
General Counsel & Secretary

Date: August 5, 2013

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