

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 11, 2018

**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 11, 2018**

**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)**  
**22801 St Clair Avenue**

**34-1860551**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**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 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 11, 2018, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it acquired Coldwater Machine Company, LLC ( Coldwater ), Pro Systems, LLC ( Pro Systems ) and related assets. Coldwater is a privately held Ohio-based flexible automation integrator and precision machining and assembly manufacturer serving diverse end markets using broad joining technologies such as laser and friction welding. Pro Systems is a privately held Indiana-based automation systems designer and integrator serving automotive, industrial, electrical and medical applications.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on December 11, 2018 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The press release is also available on the Company's website at [www.lincolnelectric.com](http://www.lincolnelectric.com).

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release dated December 11, 2018 announcing the Company's acquisition of Coldwater and Pro Systems.

**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 11, 2018

By: /s/ Jennifer I. Ansberry  
Jennifer I. Ansberry, Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel & Secretary