

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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.

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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: December 28, 2010

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

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**LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.  
INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

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