

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

April 22, 2003

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): **April 16, 2003**

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)

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. dated April 16, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 16, 2003, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. issued a press release reporting its 2003 first quarter financial results. This press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is being furnished, not filed, under items 9 and 12 to this Report on Form 8-K.

Item 12 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

See Item 9.

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: April 22, 2003

By: /s/ H. Jay Elliott
H. Jay Elliott
Senior Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer and Treasurer

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