
**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): July 19, 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)

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)
- 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))

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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On July 19, 2018, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) increased its size from ten to eleven members and elected Patrick P. Goris to fill the resulting vacancy. Mr. Goris was also appointed to the Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees of the Board. Mr. Goris is the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Rockwell Automation, Inc., a Wisconsin-based global industrial automation and information solutions provider.

The Board has determined that Mr. Goris is independent under the listing standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Goris and any other persons pursuant to which Mr. Goris was elected as a Director.

As a non-employee Director, Mr. Goris will receive compensation in the same manner as the Company’s other non-employee Directors, which compensation was previously disclosed in its definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 20, 2018. The initial restricted stock award is pro-rated based on length of service until the next regularly scheduled meeting where annual awards are granted, which will occur in December 2018. Mr. Goris received 549 shares of restricted stock under the Company’s Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors in connection with his election to the Board.

The Company has entered into its standard indemnification agreement with Mr. Goris (the “Indemnification Agreement”). The form of the Indemnification Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 29, 2012 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Indemnification Agreement supplements the indemnification coverage afforded by the Company’s Amended and Restated Code of Regulations under Ohio law.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Goris’ election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 [Press Release announcing the election of Mr. Goris to the Board, dated July 20, 2018](#)

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: July 20, 2018

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

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NEWS • RELEASE

PATRICK P. GORIS ELECTED TO LINCOLN ELECTRIC BOARD

CLEVELAND, Friday, July 20, 2018 – Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc., (Nasdaq: LECO) today announced that Patrick P. Goris, 47, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Rockwell Automation, Inc. (NYSE: ROK), has been elected to Lincoln Electric’s Board of Directors, effective July 19, 2018. He has been appointed to serve on the Audit and the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committees. Goris’ appointment expands Lincoln Electric’s Board to 11 directors, 10 of whom are non-employee directors.

“We are pleased to welcome Patrick to the Board and believe his financial expertise and leadership in a multinational industrial organization will add tremendous value to our Board and help advance our 2020 Strategy,” said Christopher L. Mapes, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Goris is Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Rockwell Automation, Inc., a Wisconsin-based global industrial automation and information solutions provider. Since joining Rockwell Automation in 2006, he has held various corporate and business finance leadership roles. Previously, Mr. Goris held numerous positions with increasing responsibility at Graphic Packaging International during his ten year tenure with the organization.

Mr. Goris earned a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from the European University, Brussels, Belgium and obtained an MBA from Emory University.

Business

Lincoln Electric is the world leader in the design, development and manufacture of arc welding products, robotic arc welding systems, plasma and oxyfuel cutting equipment and has a leading global position in the brazing and soldering alloys market. Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, Lincoln has 63 manufacturing locations, including operations and joint ventures in 23 countries and a worldwide network of distributors and sales offices covering more than 160 countries. For more information about Lincoln Electric and its products and services, visit the Company’s website at www.lincolnelectric.com.

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