
**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): January 2, 2019

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)
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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 January 2, 2019, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that it acquired the soldering business of Worthington Industries, Inc. (“Worthington”), a leading global diversified metals manufacturing company. In addition, the parties have entered into a purchase agreement for the Company to acquire certain brazing assets from Worthington. The anticipated closing of the acquisition of the brazing assets is February 1, 2019, subject to customary closing conditions.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on January 2, 2019, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The press release is also available on the Company’s website at www.lincolnelectric.com.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 [Press Release dated January 2, 2019 announcing the Company’s acquisition of Worthington’s soldering business.](#)

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: January 2, 2019

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



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NEWS • RELEASE

LINCOLN ELECTRIC ACQUIRES SOLDERING BUSINESS FROM WORTHINGTON INDUSTRIES

CLEVELAND, Wednesday, January 2, 2019 – Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) (Nasdaq: LECO) today announced it acquired the soldering business of Worthington Industries, Inc. (NYSE: WOR), a leading global diversified metals manufacturing company. The acquisition broadens Harris® Products Group’s portfolio of industry-leading consumables with the addition of premium solders and fluxes. In addition, the parties have entered into a purchase agreement for Lincoln Electric to acquire certain brazing assets from Worthington. The anticipated closing of the acquisition of the brazing assets is February 1, 2019, subject to customary closing conditions.

“The addition of these consumables creates the broadest soldering and brazing portfolio in the industry,” said Christopher L. Mapes, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. “This acquisition will allow us to better serve our customers, accelerate growth in the retail channel and richen the mix of our Harris business.”

The annual revenue generated by the assets being acquired through both transactions is approximately \$25 million. Terms of the transactions were not disclosed.

Forward-Looking Statements

The Company’s expectations and beliefs concerning the future contained in this news release are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements reflect management’s current expectations and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of words such as “may,” “will,” “expect,” “intend,” “estimate,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “forecast,” “guidance” or words of similar meaning. Actual results may differ materially from such statements due to a variety of factors that could adversely affect the Company’s operating results. The factors include, but are not limited to: general economic and market conditions; the effectiveness of post-acquisition integration efforts; and market risks and price fluctuations related to the purchase of commodities. For additional discussion, see “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K.

About Lincoln Electric

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 Electric has 56 manufacturing locations, including operations and joint ventures in 20 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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