

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

December 04, 2007

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**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): November 29, 2007**

**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):

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  - o 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 November 29, 2007, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its entry into a majority-owned joint venture with Zhengzhou Heli Welding Materials Co., Ltd., a privately-held manufacturer of subarc flux based in Zhengzhou, China. A copy of the press release issued by the Company on November 29, 2007 announcing the joint venture is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

On November 30, 2007, the Company issued a press release announcing the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Vernon Tool Co., Ltd., a privately-held manufacturer of computer-controlled pipe cutting equipment used for precision fabrication purposes based in San Diego, California. A copy of the press release issued by the Company on November 30, 2007 announcing the acquisition is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 The Company s press release dated November 29, 2007.

99.2 The Company s press release dated November 30, 2007.

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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 4, 2007

By: /s/ Vincent K. Petrella  
**Vincent K. Petrella**  
**Senior Vice President, Chief Financial**  
**Officer and Treasurer**

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99.2	The Company's press release dated November 30, 2007.