LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC Form 8-K April 02, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): March 27, 2013

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

0-1402

(Commission

File Number)

Ohio	34-1860551
(State or Other Jurisdiction	(IRS Employer

of Incorporation) Identification No.)

22801 St Clair Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio

44117

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, with zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (216) 481-8100

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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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On March 27, 2013, Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc. (the Company) received notice that David M. LeBlanc, Senior Vice President; President Lincoln Electric International, will resign from his employment with the Company by June 25, 2013. Mr. LeBlanc resigned from his position as an officer of the Company effective April 2, 2013.

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.

By: /s/ Frederick G. Stueber Frederick G. Stueber, Senior VP, General Counsel & Secretary

Date: April 2, 2013