

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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**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

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