

LINCOLN ELECTRIC HOLDINGS INC

Form SC 13G/A

January 20, 2009

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G
(Rule 13d-102)
INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2
(Amendment No. 5)
Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock, Without Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

533900106

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2008

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1

David C. Lincoln

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2

- (a)
- (b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

U.S. Citizen

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 90,130

SHARED VOTING POWER

6

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY

2,076,576

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7

EACH
REPORTING
PERSON

90,130

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

WITH

2,076,576

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

2,166,706

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

o

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

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Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer:

Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

22801 Saint Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199

Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing:

David C. Lincoln

(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence:

1741 East Morten Avenue, Suite A, Phoenix, AZ 85020

(c) Citizenship:

U.S.

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number:

Not applicable

Item 3. If this Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

Not applicable

Item 4. Ownership.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:	2,166,706
(b) Percent of class:	5.1%
(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:	
(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:	90,130 (1)
(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:	2,076,576 (2)
(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	90,130 (1)
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	2,076,576 (2)

(1) Includes 86,130 shares held by two Trusts of which the reporting person is the sole trustee, as to which shares any beneficial ownership is hereby

disclaimed, and
options for
4,000 shares
exercisable
within 60 days.

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(2) Includes
123,779 shares
held by four
Trusts of which
the reporting
person is one of
two trustees and
501,622 shares
held by the
Lincoln Institute
of Land Policy,
of which the
reporting person
is a member of
the Board of
Directors, and
as to which
shares any
beneficial
ownership is
hereby
disclaimed.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: o

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable

Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

The filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act, the beneficial owner of any of the securities covered by this statement.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

January 20, 2009

/s/ David C. Lincoln

Name: David C. Lincoln