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:

- o Rule 13d-1(b)
- b Rule 13d-1(c)
- o 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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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,166,706

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

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.1%

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