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FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC
Form S-8
April 24, 2009

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 24, 2009

Registration No. 333-_____

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

FORM S-8
Registration Statement
Under
The Securities Act of 1933

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation or
organization)

35-0827455
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

400 EAST SPRING STREET
BLUFFTON, INDIANA 46714
(Address of principal executive offices)

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC. STOCK PLAN
(Full title of the plan)

JOHN J. HAINES
VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & SECRETARY
FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC.
400 EAST SPRING STREET
BLUFFTON, INDIANA 46714
(Name and address of agent for service)

(260) 824-2900
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

With a copy to:

LAURALYN G. BENGEL
SCHIFF HARDIN LLP
6600 SEARS TOWER
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606-6473
(312) 258-5670

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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| TITLE OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED | AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED | PROPOSED MAXIMUM OFFERING PRICE PER SHARE (1) | PROPOSED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE OFFERING PRICE (1) | AMOUNT OF REGISTRATION FEE |
|--|-------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share (including related Common Stock Purchase Rights) | 900,000 (2) | \$23.32 | \$20,988.00 | \$1.171 |

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the average of the high and low sales prices of the Common Stock reported on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System on April 21, 2009.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416 of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock which become issuable under the Plan pursuant to this Registration Statement by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the Registrant's outstanding shares of Common Stock.

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO GENERAL INSTRUCTION E
OF FORM S-8 "REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITIES"

The contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-34994), filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 17, 2000, and the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-12845), filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 12, 2005, registering shares of its Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share, issuable under the Plan (which was formerly named the Franklin Electric Co., Inc. Key Employee Performance Incentive Stock Plan), are hereby incorporated by reference.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

All information required in this Registration Statement (other than the exhibits and the signature page) is set forth in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-34994) and the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-12845), as described above, and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

The exhibits filed herewith or incorporated by reference herein are set forth in the Exhibit Index filed as part of this registration statement.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Fort Wayne, State of Indiana, on this 24th day of April, 2009.

FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC.

By: /s/ R. Scott Trumbull

R. Scott Trumbull
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

Each person whose signature appears below appoints each of R. Scott Trumbull and John J. Haines as such person's true and lawful attorney to execute in the name of each such person, and to file, any amendments to this registration statement that such attorney deems necessary or desirable to enable the Registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933, and any rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission with respect thereto, in connection with the registration of the shares of Common Stock (and the related Common Stock Purchase Rights attached thereto) that are subject to this registration statement, which amendments may make such changes in such registration statement as the above-named attorneys deem appropriate, and to comply with the undertakings of the Registrant made in connection with this registration statement, and each of the undersigned hereby ratifies all that said attorneys will do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| SIGNATURE ----- | TITLE ----- | DATE ---- |
|---|---|----------------|
| /s/ R. Scott Trumbull ----- R. Scott Trumbull | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) | April 24, 2009 |
| /s/ John J. Haines ----- John J. Haines | Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | April 24, 2009 |

| SIGNATURE ----- | TITLE ----- | DATE ---- |
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/s/ Jerome D. Brady Director April 24, 2009

Jerome D. Brady

/s/ David T. Brown Director April 24, 2009

David T. Brown

/s/ David A. Roberts Director April 24, 2009

David A. Roberts

/s/ David M. Wathen Director April 24, 2009

David M. Wathen

/s/ Howard B. Witt Director April 24, 2009

Howard B. Witt

/s/ Thomas L. Young Director April 24, 2009

Thomas L. Young

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number ----- | Exhibit ----- |
|----------------------------|--|
| 4.1 | Rights Agreement dated as of October 15, 1999 between Franklin Electric Co., Inc. and Illinois Stock Transfer Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated October 19, 1999) |
| 4.2 | First Amendment to Rights Agreement dated as of December 1, 2006 between Franklin Electric Co., Inc. and LaSalle Bank National Association (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed on December 8, 2006) |
| 4.3 | Second Amendment to Rights Agreement dated as of July 11, 2007 between Franklin Electric Co., Inc. and LaSalle Bank National Association (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's report on Form 8-K filed on July 16, 2007) |
| 4.4 | Third Amendment to Rights Agreement dated as of September |

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22, 2008 between Franklin Electric Co., Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed on September 23, 2008)

- 4.5 Franklin Electric Co., Inc. Stock Plan, As Amended and Restated Effective March 9, 2009 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit A to the Company's 2009 Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting held on April 24, 2009)
- 5 Opinion of Schiff Hardin LLP
- 23.1 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
- 23.2 Consent of Schiff Hardin LLP (contained in its opinion filed herein as Exhibit 5)
- 24 Powers of Attorney (as set forth in the signature pages hereto)