Newport Roger K Form 4 January 19, 2018

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Newport Roger K

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

AK STEEL HOLDING CORP

[AKS]

_X__ Director below)

10% Owner Other (specify

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE

01/17/2018

Chief Executive Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative S	ecuriti	ies Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/17/2018		A	147,800	A	\$0	483,400.259	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2018		F	42,103	D	\$ 6.56	441,297.259	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.56	01/17/2018		A	281,600	01/17/2019(1)	01/17/2028	Common Stock 2
Performance Shares	<u>(2)</u>	01/17/2018		A	125,300 (3)	12/31/2020	12/31/2020	Common 1 Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting of the reality reality	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Newport Roger K							
9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE	X		Chief Executive Officer				
WEST CHESTER, OH 45069							

Signatures

/s/ Roger K.
Newport

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Options vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year after grant date.
- Each Performance Share represents a contingent right to receive 0 to 1.5 shares of Common Stock. The conversion rate (0, .5, 1 or 1.5) ultimately applied to these Performance Shares will be determined based on Total Shareholder Return relative to other companies in the Van Eck Vectors Steel ETF with Total Shareholder Return defined as appreciation in stock price and reinvestment of dividends between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020 (the Performance Period).
- (3) This represents Performance Shares awarded on January 17, 2018 and are being reported at this time because they may constitute derivative securities.
- (4) The number of shares of Common Stock underlying this grant of Performance Shares will be 0 to 1.5 times the number of Performance Shares granted depending on Total Shareholder Return achieved during the Performance Period.

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