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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AK STEEL HOLDING CORP [AKS] **ROSS CHRISTOPHER J** (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person WEST CHESTER, OHÂ 45069 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One VP & Treasurer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 34,595 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 4. 5. **Expiration Date** Ownership **Indirect Beneficial** (Instr. 4) Securities Underlying Conversion (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security: Date Exercisable Expiration Title Amount or Direct (D) Security Date Number of or Indirect

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/18/2011(1)	03/18/2020	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 22.94	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/19/2012(1)	01/19/2021	Common Stock	3,106	\$ 14.57	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/18/2013(1)	01/18/2022	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 9.11	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/23/2014(1)	01/23/2023	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 4.59	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/22/2015(1)	01/22/2024	Common Stock	4,100	\$ 6.72	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/21/2016(1)	01/21/2025	Common Stock	9,900	\$ 3.975	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/20/2017(1)	01/20/2026	Common Stock	8,200	\$ 1.74	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/18/2018(1)	01/18/2027	Common Stock	7,000	\$ 9.78	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/17/2019(1)	01/17/2028	Common Stock	14,500	\$ 6.555	D	Â
Performance Shares	12/31/2018	12/31/2018	Common Stock	3,800 (2)	\$ (3)	D	Â
Performance Shares	12/31/2019	12/31/2019	Common Stock	1,650 (4)	\$ <u>(5)</u>	D	Â
Performance Shares	12/31/2020	12/31/2020	Common Stock	6,500 <u>(6)</u>	\$ <u>(7)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
ROSS CHRISTOPHER J 9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE WEST CHESTER Â OHÂ 45069	Â	Â	VP & Treasurer	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Christopher J. Ross	01/22/2018		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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.
- This represents one half of the Performance Shares which were awarded on January 20, 2016 and are required to be reported at this time (2) because they constitute derivative securities. The other half do not constitute derivative securities and therefore are not required to be
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- 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)

 (3) ultimately applied to these Performance Shares will be determined based on the compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of the Common Stock between January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018 (the Performance Period).
- This represents one half of the Performance Shares which were awarded on January 18, 2017 and are required to be reported at this time (4) because they constitute derivative securities. The other half do not constitute derivative securities and therefore are not required to be reported at this time.
- 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)

 (5) ultimately applied to these Performance Shares will be determined based on the compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of the Common Stock between January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 (the Performance Period).
- (6) This represents Performance Shares awarded on January 17, 2018 and are being reported at this time because they may constitute derivative securities.
 - 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)
- (7) 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).

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