

Bishop Brian K
Form 4
January 19, 2018

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Bishop Brian K

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AK STEEL HOLDING CORP
[AKS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/17/2018

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
VP Carbon Steel Operations

WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2018 | | A | | 9,200 | A | \$ 0 57,872 |
| Common Stock | 01/18/2018 | | F | | 608 | D | \$ 0 57,264 |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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 Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.56 | 01/17/2018 | | A | 17,400 | 01/17/2019 ⁽¹⁾ 01/17/2028 | Common Stock 17 |
| Performance Shares | ⁽²⁾ | 01/17/2018 | | A | 7,800 ⁽³⁾ | 12/31/2020 12/31/2020 | Common Stock 7 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bishop Brian K 9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 | | | VP Carbon Steel Operations | |

Signatures

/s/ Joseph C. Alter, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Bishop 01/19/2018

__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.

(2) 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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