Reed Maurice A. Form 4 January 19, 2018

FORM 4

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

obligations may continue. See Instruction

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Reed Maurice A.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AK STEEL HOLDING CORP

Issuer

[AKS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2018

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify below) below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

V.P. Eng., Raw Mat'l & Energy

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)

| (City) | (State) (| Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative Secu | rities Acq | quired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | lly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | (A) or Amount (D) | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2018 | | A | 9,200 A | \$ 0 | 82,613 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2018 | | F | 3,050 D | \$ 6.56 | 79,563 | 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 Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Secu |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | An or Nu of |
| 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 | <u>(2)</u> | 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

Reed Maurice A.
9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE
WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

V.P. Eng., Raw Mat'l & Energy

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ Maurice A.
Reed

**Signature of 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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