#### AK STEEL HOLDING CORP

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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] A Bishop Brian K (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2016 (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) 10% Owner Director \_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 Carbon Steel Operations Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 45,061 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

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

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

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/16/2009	10/16/2018	Common Stock	375	\$ 11.625	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/21/2010	01/21/2019	Common Stock	2,250	\$ 9.21	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/20/2011	01/20/2020	Common Stock	2,750	\$ 22.965	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/19/2012	01/19/2021	Common Stock	2,319	\$ 14.57	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/18/2013	01/18/2022	Common Stock	4,100	\$ 9.11	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/23/2014	01/23/2023	Common Stock	4,100	\$ 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(2)	01/21/2025	Common Stock	9,900	\$ 3.975	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/22/2016(3)	07/22/2025	Common Stock	21,170	\$ 2.645	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/20/2017(4)	01/20/2026	Common Stock	7,300	\$ 1.74	D	Â
Performance Shares	12/31/2016 <u>(5)</u>	12/31/2016	Common Stock	2,400	\$ <u>(6)</u>	D	Â
Performance Shares	12/31/2017(7)	12/31/2017	Common Stock	5,850	\$ (8)	D	Â
Performance Shares	12/31/2018(9)	12/31/2018	Common Stock	3,400	\$ (10)	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting o mass summer saucess	Director 10% Owner Officer		Other			
Bishop Brian K 9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE WEST CHESTER, OH 45069	Â	Â	VP Carbon Steel Operations	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ Joseph C. Alter, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Bishop			03/30/2016			

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- \* 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.
- (2) Options vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year after grant date.
- (3) Options vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year after grant date.
- (4) 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, or 1.5) ultimately applied to these Performance Shares will be determined based on the compounded annual growth rate ("CAGR") of the Common Stock between January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 (the "Performance Period").
- This represents one half of the Performance Shares which were awarded on January 22, 2014 and are required to be reported at this time because they constitute derivative securities. The other half do not constitute derivative securities and therefore are not required to be reported at this time.
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- This represents one half of the Performance Shares which were awarded on January 21, 2015 and are required to be reported at this time because they constitute derivative securities. The other half do not constitute derivative securities and therefore are not required to be reported at this time.
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- This represents one half of the Performance Shares which were awarded on January 20, 2016 and are required to be reported at this time because they constitute derivative securities. The other half do not constitute derivative securities and therefore are not required to be reported at this time.

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