

Petersen Eric S
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Petersen Eric S

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
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Research and Innovation

WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)		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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount			
Common Stock	01/17/2018		A	V	9,200	A \$ 0 98,838	D	
Common Stock	01/18/2018		F		801	D \$ 0 98,037	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. 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
Performance Shares	⁽²⁾	01/17/2018		A	7,800 ⁽³⁾	12/31/2020 12/31/2020	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Petersen Eric S 9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE WEST CHESTER, OH 45069			VP, Research and Innovation	

Signatures

/s/ Joseph C. Alter, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Petersen
 Date: 01/19/2018
 **Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- (2) 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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