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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] Hoffbauer Gregory A (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 9227 CENTRE POINTE DR (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 (give title below) (specify below) WEST CHESTER, OHÂ 45069 Form filed by More than One Controller & Chief Acct. Off. Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 8,900.725 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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	curity 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
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	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)	01/23/2014(1)	01/23/2023	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 4.59	D	Â
Performance Shares	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	Common Stock	3,200 (2)	\$ <u>(3)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Hoffbauer Gregory A 9227 CENTRE POINTE DR WEST CHESTER, OH 45069	Â	Â	Controller & Chief Acct. Off.	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Gregory A.
Hoffbauer

**Signature of Reporting Date

Date

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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 1/23/2013, the grant date.
- This represents one half of the Performance Shares which were awarded on January 23, 2013 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 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) (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, 2013 and December 31, 2015 (the "Performance Period").

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