

FERRARA ALBERT E JR
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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 *
 FERRARA ALBERT E JR

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)
 703 CURTIS STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/19/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President Finance and CFO

MIDDLETOWN, OH 45043
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/19/2006 | | A | 11,250 | \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2006 | | F | 1,794 | \$ 7.83 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 7.885 | 01/19/2006 | | A | 3,750 | 01/19/2007 01/19/2016 | Common Stock | 3,750 |
| Stock Option | \$ 7.885 | 01/19/2006 | | A | 3,750 | 01/19/2008 01/19/2016 | Common Stock | 3,750 |
| Stock Option | \$ 7.885 | 01/19/2006 | | A | 3,750 | 01/19/2009 01/19/2016 | Common Stock | 3,750 |
| Performance Shares | (1) | 01/19/2006 | | A | 8,437.5 (1) | 12/31/2008 12/31/2008 | Common Stock | (1) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FERRARA ALBERT E JR 703 CURTIS STREET MIDDLETOWN, OH 45043 | | | Vice President Finance and CFO | |

Signatures

/s/Albert E.
Ferrara, Jr. 01/23/2006

**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) The Performance Share award consisted of 8,437.5 derivative securities and an additional 8,437.5 Performance Shares which do not constitute derivative securities and are therefore not currently reportable. The 8,437.5 derivative securities awarded may result in the issuance of shares of common stock in an amount 0 to 1.5 times the amount of derivative securities awarded, depending on the level of performance achieved.

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