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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] Reed Maurice A. (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2012 (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 (give title below) (specify below) WEST CHESTER, OHÂ 45069 Form filed by More than One V.P. Engineering, Raw Mat'l & 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 33,502

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)	Derivative Security 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)	(Instr. 4)		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)	05/19/2007	05/19/2016	Common Stock	534	\$ 12.235	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/18/2008	01/18/2017	Common Stock	1,834	\$ 16.755	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/17/2009	01/17/2018	Common Stock	2,375	\$ 36.585	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/21/2010	01/21/2019	Common Stock	7,125	\$ 9.21	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/20/2011(1)	01/20/2020	Common Stock	3,625	\$ 22.965	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/19/2012(2)	01/19/2021	Common Stock	4,419	\$ 14.57	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/18/2013(3)	01/18/2022	Common Stock	6,900	\$ 9.11	D	Â
Performance Shares	12/31/2012	12/31/2012	Common Stock	2,225 (4)	\$ <u>(5)</u>	D	Â
Performance Shares	12/31/2013	12/31/2013	Common Stock	2,800 (6)	\$ <u>(7)</u>	D	Â
Performance Shares	12/31/2014	12/31/2014	Common Stock	4,000 (8)	\$ (9)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Reed Maurice A.			V.P.			
9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE	Â	Â	Engineering, Raw	Â		
WEST CHESTER, OH 45069			Mat'l &			

Signatures

/s/ Maurice A.
Reed

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 1/20/2010 (grant date).
- (2) Options vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year after 1/19/2011 (grant date).
- (3) Options vest in three equal annual installments beginning one year after 1/18/2012 (grant date).

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- This represents one half of the Performance Shares which were awarded and are required to be reported at this time because they

 (4) 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) (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, 2010 and December 31, 2012 (the "Performance Period").
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