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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT – September 26, 2005  
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

**AK STEEL HOLDING  
CORPORATION**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File No. 1-13696

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

31-1401455  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

703 Curtis Street, Middletown, OH  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

45043  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 425-5000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Solicitation material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01      Regulation FD Disclosure.

AK Steel Holding Corporation is hereby furnishing the following information under Regulation FD:

On September 26, 2005, AK Steel Corporation issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit No. 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein, announcing that United Steelworkers of America Local 1865 have ratified a new five-year labor agreement at its Ashland Works in Kentucky.

Item 9.01      Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c)      Exhibit:

99.1      Press Release issued on September 26, 2005.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AK STEEL HOLDING CORPORATION

By: /s/ David C. Horn  
David C. Horn  
Secretary

Dated: September 26, 2005

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued on September 26, 2005



# News Release

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## **United Steelworkers of America Members Ratify “New Era” Labor Agreement for AK Steel's Ashland Works**

MIDDLETOWN, OH, September 26, 2005—AK Steel (NYSE: AKS) said members of United Steelworkers of America (USW) Local 1865 have ratified a new five-year labor agreement covering about 750 hourly production and maintenance employees at its Ashland Works in Kentucky.

"Ratification of this contract marks the beginning of a 'new era' for AK Steel and USW Local 1865," said James L. Wainscott, president & CEO of AK Steel. "This is a labor agreement that clearly recognizes AK Steel's urgent need to have total employment costs that are competitive with the pattern established in the wake of steel company bankruptcies and consolidation we have witnessed over the past several years. At the same time, the agreement provides equitable and competitive contract provisions for employees and retirees."

AK Steel said the agreement includes, among other provisions, the following:

- \* Five-year term spanning September 1, 2005 to September 1, 2010,
- \* Company defined benefit pension plan locked and frozen at 1/1/06, with subsequent company pension contributions to the Steelworkers Pension Trust (SPT),
- \* 100+ job classes consolidated to five job classes with additional workforce flexibility,
- \* Elimination of base workforce guarantees,
- \* Increased active and retiree healthcare cost-sharing,
- \* Enhanced profit-sharing plan.

"I commend members of the USW, at the local and international levels, for recognizing the need to address AK Steel's fundamental goal of achieving sustained profitability," said Mr. Wainscott. "I believe this agreement can become a pattern that allows the company and its employees to share in our future success."

Headquartered in Middletown, Ohio, AK Steel produces flat-rolled carbon, stainless and electrical steel products, as well as carbon and stainless tubular steel products, for automotive, appliance, construction and manufacturing markets.

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