

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) August 23, 2002

AK STEEL HOLDING CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

File No. 1-13696
(Commission file number)

31-1401455
(IRS employer
identification
number)

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

45043
(Zip code)

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

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events.

On August 23, 2002, AK Steel Corporation and International Steel Group, Inc. announced that they have formed a partnership whereby AK Steel acquired a 60% interest in a flat-rolled steel electrogalvanizing facility located in Cleveland, Ohio.

Item 7. Exhibit.

(a) Financial Statements of business acquired:

Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma financial information:

Not applicable.

(c) Exhibit:

99 Press Release dated August 23, 2002

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 thereunto duly authorized.

AK STEEL HOLDING CORPORATION

/s/ Brenda S. Harmon
Brenda S. Harmon
Secretary

Dated: August 23, 2002

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99	Press Release dated August 23, 2002



News Release

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AK Steel and International Steel Group Form Coating Partnership

MIDDLETOWN, OH, August 23, 2002—AK Steel (NYSE: AKS) and International Steel Group, Inc. (ISG) said today they have formed a partnership whereby AK Steel acquired a 60% interest in a flat-rolled steel electrogalvanizing facility located in Cleveland, Ohio, formerly known as L-S Electro-Galvanizing Company. ISG owns the remaining 40% interest in the facility and will operate the plant, which has been renamed AK-ISG Steel Coating Company, by the partners. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

The acquisition provides AK Steel with approximately 300,000 tons of additional coated product annually, supplementing its existing high quality product line. Approximately half of AK Steel's annual shipments are coated products, primarily to automotive and appliance markets.

“The additional product from this line complements our existing capacity, making AK Steel the largest supplier of electrogalvanized flat-rolled steel in the country,” said Richard M. Wardrop, Jr., chairman, president and CEO of AK Steel. “The line produces outstanding quality with excellent productivity.”

Rodney Mott, president and CEO of ISG added, “We welcome as a partner AK Steel because of its financial stability and market leadership in electrogalvanized steel. Partnerships such as this one are an effective means of consolidating assets in the steel industry.”

L-S Electro-Galvanizing Company had been a venture between the former LTV Corporation and Sumitomo Metal USW Corporation prior to ISG's acquisition of LTV's steelmaking assets in April.

With headquarters in Middletown, Ohio, AK Steel produces flat-rolled carbon, stainless and electrical steel products for automotive, appliance, construction and manufacturing markets. The company has steel producing and finishing facilities in Middletown, Coshocton, Mansfield, Walbridge and Zanesville, Ohio; Ashland, Kentucky; Rockport, Indiana; and Butler, Pennsylvania. In addition, the company produces snow and ice control products and operates an industrial park on the Houston, Texas ship channel.

International Steel Group is the newest competitor in the global steel industry. The company was formed by WL Ross & Co. LLC to create value through the profitable operation of globally competitive steel plants. ISG operates integrated flat-rolled steel plants located in Cleveland and East Chicago, Indiana, and a finishing plant in Hennepin, Illinois. ISG also operates a coke plant in Warren, Ohio and other facilities related to the operations of its steel plants.

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