
**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 – October 26, 2004
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

**AK STEEL HOLDING
CORPORATION**

(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)
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- 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 8.01 Other Events.

On October 26, 2004, 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 the Company and members of the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical & Energy Workers International Union have reached a contract agreement.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit:

99.1 Press Release issued on October 26, 2004

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: October 29, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued on October 26, 2004



News Release

Media Contact: Alan H. McCoy, Vice President, Government and Public Relations (513) 425-2826
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AK Steel and PACE International Union Reach Contract Agreement

MIDDLETOWN, OH, October 26, 2004—AK Steel Corporation (NYSE: AKS) said today that members of the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical & Energy Workers International Union (PACE), Local 5-0523, have voted to accept a progressive four-year labor agreement covering about 260 hourly employees at the company's Ashland, Kentucky coke plant. AK Steel said the contract is patterned after agreements reached earlier this year with unions representing its employees in Coshocton, Ohio and Rockport, Indiana.

Under the new agreement, most employees will receive an initial wage increase, however, there are no other wage increases over the span of the contract, which extends to October 31, 2008. Employees will receive a ratification bonus of \$2,000 and a \$500 lump sum payment on October 31, 2007.

As part of the agreement, the existing defined benefit pension plan for the employees covered by the contract has been locked and frozen. Effective with the new agreement, PACE-represented employees will participate in a union-sponsored pension plan to which the company will contribute on a per-hour basis for covered employees. The new agreement also establishes cost containment of health care benefits for active and retired employees, as well as future retirees.

"This agreement addresses AK Steel's need for more competitive and flexible labor agreements," said James L. Wainscott, president and CEO of AK Steel. "We appreciate the foresight of the PACE International union representatives and its local bargaining committee for recognizing the need for flexibility and better cost control of pension and health care benefits."

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

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