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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 – May 19, 2006  
(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 May 19, 2006, 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 its board of directors has authorized the company to make an \$84 million contribution to its pension trust fund months ahead of schedule. The company said it would make its full required 2006 pension contribution next week, more than five months before the final due date. AK Steel's previous pension contribution was a voluntary \$150 million contribution made in January of 2005.

Item 9.01      Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)      Exhibit:

99.1      Press Release issued on May 19, 2006

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: May 19, 2006

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued on May 19, 2006



# News Release

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## **AK Steel To Make Early \$84 Million Pension Trust Fund Contribution**

MIDDLETOWN, OH, May 19, 2006 — AK Steel (NYSE: AKS) said that its board of directors has authorized the company to make an \$84 million contribution to its pension trust fund months ahead of schedule. The company said it would make its full required 2006 pension contribution next week, more than five months before the final due date. AK Steel’s previous pension contribution was a voluntary \$150 million contribution made in January of 2005.

“AK Steel is proud to continue honoring a retiree tradition unique in the steel industry,” said James L. Wainscott, chairman, president and CEO. “In more than half a century, this company has not missed a pension fund contribution, nor a payment to any of its 32,000 pensioners.”

AK Steel provides pension benefits to approximately 32,000 retirees and/or their beneficiaries. The company said that while it has continued to fund its retiree health care and pension legacy costs, most of its competitors have reduced or eliminated their legacy obligations through the bankruptcy process.

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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