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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 – July 19, 2007  
(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)
- 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 5.02      Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On July 19, 2007, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of AK Steel Holding Corporation (the “Company”) expanded its number of authorized directors from nine to ten and elected Mr. Ralph S. Michael III to fill the vacancy thereby created and to be a director of the Company, effective July 20, 2007. Mr. Michael currently serves as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company. On July 20, 2007, the Company issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein, announcing Mr. Michael’s election. Mr. Michael has not yet been appointed to any committee of the Board.

Mr. Michael will be compensated in accordance with the Company’s standard compensation policies and practices for the Board as disclosed in the Company’s Proxy Statement dated April 16, 2007.

Item 9.01      Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)      Exhibit:

99.1      Press Release issued on July 20, 2007

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: July 20, 2007

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued on July 20, 2007



# News Release

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## **Ralph S. Michael III Named to AK Steel’s Board of Directors**

MIDDLETOWN, OH, July 20, 2007 — AK Steel (NYSE: AKS) said today that Ralph S. (Mike) Michael III, has been elected to its board of directors, effective today. Mr. Michael is the president and chief operating officer of the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, (NASDAQ: OCAS) Fairfield, Ohio.

“Mike Michael’s strong business, banking and metals background will be an asset to AK Steel’s board and its stockholders,” said James L. Wainscott, chairman, president and CEO of AK Steel. “We welcome his expertise and wisdom to AK Steel.”

Prior to becoming president and COO of the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Mr. Michael was executive vice president and manager of Private Asset Management for U.S. Bank, N.A. He also held numerous executive and management positions with PNC Financial Services Group, Pittsburgh, PA, before joining U.S. Bank.

Mr. Michael holds a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Stanford University, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Graduate School of Management. He currently serves as a board member of Key Energy Services Inc., The Cincinnati Bengals, Inc., Xavier (OH) University, Friedman Billings Ramsey Group, Inc. and Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation.

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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