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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 21, 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 July 21, 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 members of the United Auto Workers (UAW), Local 3303, have ratified a new six-year labor agreement covering about 1,400 hourly production and maintenance employees at the company's Butler (PA) Works. AK Steel said UAW officials informed the company that the new contract had passed by a significant majority. The new agreement takes effect October 1 and runs through September 30, 2012.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit:

99.1 Press Release issued on July 21, 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: July 24, 2006

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued on July 21, 2006



EXHIBIT 99.1

# News Release

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## **AK Steel and UAW Reach Competitive New Labor Accord For Butler Works**

MIDDLETOWN, OH, July 21, 2006 — AK Steel (NYSE: AKS) said that members of the United Auto Workers (UAW), Local 3303, have ratified a new six-year labor agreement covering about 1,400 hourly production and maintenance employees at the company's Butler (PA) Works. AK Steel said UAW officials informed the company today that the new contract had passed by a significant majority. The new agreement takes effect October 1 and runs through September 30, 2012.

“This new labor contract will serve our customers, our company and Butler Works employees well,” said James L. Wainscott, chairman, president and CEO of AK Steel. “I commend the bargaining teams for the UAW and AK Steel for their diligence in forging this competitive new agreement more than two months prior to the expiration of the existing contract.”

AK Steel and UAW bargaining teams agreed to begin early talks on June 20, and they reached a tentative agreement on July 14 after 20 bargaining sessions totaling about 30 hours of face-to-face meetings.

AK Steel said the new Butler Works contract includes, among numerous other provisions:

- A lock and freeze of the traditional defined-benefit pension plan, replaced by a per-hour defined company contribution to individual 401(k) accounts
- Reduction to 7 job classes from 300, workforce restructuring
- Elimination of minimum base workforce guarantee
- Active employee health care cost sharing
- Current and future retiree health care cost sharing
- Competitive wage increases

AK Steel's Butler Works produces electrical, stainless and carbon sheet steel products. 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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