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| <b>Form 5500</b><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security<br>Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b><br>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br><p style="text-align: center;">▶ <b>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p> | OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br>1210-0089<br><br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">2015</div><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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| <b>Part I</b>                                                                                            | <b>Annual Report Identification Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2015</u> and ending <u>09/30/2015</u> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>A</b> This return/report is for:                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan; <input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions); or<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan; <input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) ____ |
| <b>B</b> This return/report is:                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the final return/report;<br><input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).                                                                                |
| <b>C</b> If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.                                       | ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>D</b> Check box if filing under:                                                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558; <input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension; <input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program;<br><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)                                                                                                                                      |

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| <b>Part II</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Basic Plan Information</b> —enter all requested information      |                                                                                      |                                                             |
| <b>1a</b> Name of plan<br><u>AK STEEL CORP. UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA RETIREMENT (401(K) PLAN)</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">024</div> |                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br><u>05/13/1989</u>               |                                                                                      |                                                             |
| <b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br><br><u>AK STEEL CORPORATION</u><br><br><u>9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE</u><br><u>WEST CHESTER, OH 45069</u> | <b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>31-1267098</u> | <b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br><u>513-425-2991</u>                     | <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br><u>331110</u> |

**Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.**

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

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| <b>SIGN HERE</b>                                                                                | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 07/13/2016 | STEPHANIE BISSELBERG                                         |
|                                                                                                 | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b>                                                                                | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 07/13/2016 | STEPHANIE BISSELBERG                                         |
|                                                                                                 | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b>                                                                                |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|                                                                                                 | Signature of DFE                                  | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |
| Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number) |                                                   |            | Preparer's telephone number                                  |

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor<br><b>BENEFIT PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE</b><br><br><b>9227 CENTRE POINTE DRIVE</b><br><b>WEST CHESTER, OH 45069</b> | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br><b>31-1267098</b>                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br><b>513-425-2991</b> |
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| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4c</b> PN                                 |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                               | <b>5</b> 928                                                      |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).                      |                                                                   |
| <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....                                                                                                                                | <b>6a(1)</b> 887                                                  |
| <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....                                                                                                                                     | <b>6a(2)</b> 0                                                    |
| <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....                                                                                                                                                    | <b>6b</b> 0                                                       |
| <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....                                                                                                                                     | <b>6c</b> 0                                                       |
| <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....                                                                                                                                           | <b>6d</b> 0                                                       |
| <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....                                                                                                             | <b>6e</b> 0                                                       |
| <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....                                                                                                                                                               | <b>6f</b> 0                                                       |
| <b>g</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....                                                                        | <b>6g</b> 0                                                       |
| <b>h</b> Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested .....                                                                           | <b>6h</b> 0                                                       |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....                                                                                  | <b>7</b>                                                          |
| <b>8a</b> If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:<br><b>2F 2G 2J 3H</b>                                    |                                                                   |
| <b>b</b> If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:                                                           |                                                                   |

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| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                       | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>10</b> Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>a Pension Schedules</b><br><b>(1)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)<br><br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary<br><br><b>(3)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | <b>b General Schedules</b><br><b>(1)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)<br><b>(3)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information)<br><b>(4)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)<br><b>(5)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)<br><b>(6)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules) |

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| <b>Part III</b> | <b>Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)</b> |
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**11a** If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

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**11b** Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

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**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2015 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2015 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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| <div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury</div> <div>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor</div> <div>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2015                                    |
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| For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 09/30/2015          |                                                                 |     |
| <div>A</div> Name of plan<br>AK STEEL CORP. UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA RETIREMENT (401(K) PLAN) | <div>B</div> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 024 |
|                                                                                                     |                                                                 |     |
| <div>C</div> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>AK STEEL CORPORATION           | <div>D</div> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>31-1267098 |     |

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| Part I | Service Provider Information (see instructions) |
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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| (b) | Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |
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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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| <b>(b)</b><br>Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b><br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | <b>(d)</b><br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | <b>(e)</b><br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | <b>(f)</b><br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | <b>(g)</b><br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | <b>(h)</b><br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 37 64 65                      | RECORDKEEPER                                                                                             | 5535                                                                          | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                         | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                   | 0                                                                                                                                                                                      | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                 |

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

| <b>(b)</b><br>Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b><br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | <b>(d)</b><br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | <b>(e)</b><br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | <b>(f)</b><br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | <b>(g)</b><br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | <b>(h)</b><br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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|                               |                                                                                                          |                                                                               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                            |

**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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|                               |                                                                                                          |                                                                               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                            |

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**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

**3** If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                       | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL                                            | 60                                                                                                                                                                 | 0                                         |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation           | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
| AMERICAN FUNDS SERVICE CO<br><br>95-2566717                                   | 5 BASIS POINTS PER YEAR.                                                                                                                                           |                                           |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                       | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL                                            | 60                                                                                                                                                                 | 0                                         |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation           | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
| BOSTON FINANCIAL DATA SERVICE      330 W. 9TH STREET<br>KANSAS CITY, MO 66160 | 10 BASIS POINTS PER YEAR.                                                                                                                                          |                                           |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                       | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL                                            | 60                                                                                                                                                                 | 0                                         |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation           | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
| FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTOR SERVICE<br><br>94-3167260                         | 15 BASIS POINTS PER YEAR.                                                                                                                                          |                                           |

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

**3** If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                        | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                           | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation                                                                                                                          |
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| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL                                             | 60                                                                | 0                                                                                                                                                                  |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation            |                                                                   | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
| BOSTON FINANCIAL DATA SVCS<br>BFDS BUILDING<br>30 DAN ROAD<br>CANTON, MO 02021 | 3 BASIS POINTS PER YEAR.                                          |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                        |                                                                   | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation                                                                                                                          |
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL                                             | 60                                                                | 0                                                                                                                                                                  |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation            |                                                                   | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
| BOSTON FINANCIAL DATA SERVICES<br>P.O. BOX 8480<br>BOSTON, MA 02266            | 5, 10 OR 20 BASIS POINTS PER YEAR DEPENDING UPON INVESTMENT FUND. |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2                        |                                                                   | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation                                                                                                                          |
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL                                             | 60                                                                | 0                                                                                                                                                                  |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation            |                                                                   | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
| T. ROWE PRICE SERVICES INC<br>52-2269240                                       | 15 BASIS POINTS PER YEAR.                                         |                                                                                                                                                                    |

**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

**4** Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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**Part III** **Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
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Explanation:

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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2015</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
| For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2015</b> and ending <b>09/30/2015</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                           |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>AK STEEL CORP. UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA RETIREMENT (401(K) PLAN)</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>►</b> <b>024</b>                                 |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>AK STEEL CORPORATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>31-1267098</b>                        |

| Part I Asset and Liability Statement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                 |                       |                 |
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| <b>1</b> Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. <b>Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.</b> MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions. |                 |                       |                 |
| Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1a</b>       | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1b(1)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1b(2)</b>    | 68734                 | 0               |
| <b>(3)</b> Other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>1b(3)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>c</b> General investments:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(1)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(2)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(3)(A)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> All other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1c(3)(B)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(4)(A)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(4)(B)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1c(5)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(6)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>1c(7)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1c(8)</b>    | 1241004               | 0               |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1c(9)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1c(10)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(11)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(12)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(13)</b>   | 23362756              | 0               |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(14)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(15)</b> Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(15)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |

**1d** Employer-related investments:

|                                                                      |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities .....                                        | <b>1d(1)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                     | <b>1d(2)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....   | <b>1e</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) ..... | <b>1f</b>    | 24672494              | 0               |

**Liabilities**

|                                                                           |           |   |   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b> | 0 | 0 |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b> | 0 | 0 |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b> | 0 | 0 |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b> | 0 | 0 |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b> | 0 | 0 |

**Net Assets**

|                                                           |           |          |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|---|
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) ..... | <b>1l</b> | 24672494 | 0 |
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**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

**2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

**Income****a Contributions:**

|                                                                                                            |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....                                        | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 0          |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Participants .....                                                                              | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 1167712    |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....                                                              | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 105965     |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                                            | <b>2a(2)</b>    | 0          |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 1273677   |

**b Earnings on investments:****(1) Interest:**

|                                                                                                      |                 |        |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| <b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) ..... | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> | 362    |        |
| <b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                          | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> | 0      |        |
| <b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....                                                          | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> | 0      |        |
| <b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                  | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> | 0      |        |
| <b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                   | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 36724  |        |
| <b>(F)</b> Other .....                                                                               | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> | 0      |        |
| <b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                        | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |        | 37086  |
| (2) Dividends: <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....                                                      | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> | 0      |        |
| <b>(B)</b> Common stock .....                                                                        | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> | 0      |        |
| <b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                            | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 261070 |        |
| <b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....            | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |        | 261070 |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                      | <b>2b(3)</b>    |        | 0      |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....                           | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> | 0      |        |
| <b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                        | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> | 0      |        |
| <b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....            | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |        | 0      |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate .....                   | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> | 0      |        |
| <b>(B)</b> Other .....                                                                               | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> | 0      |        |
| <b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....   | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |        | 0      |

|                                                                                                 |               | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....                              | <b>2b(6)</b>  |            | 0         |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                              | <b>2b(7)</b>  |            | 0         |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....                      | <b>2b(8)</b>  |            | 0         |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....                            | <b>2b(9)</b>  |            | 0         |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | <b>2b(10)</b> |            | -768415   |
| <b>c</b> Other income .....                                                                     | <b>2c</b>     |            | 0         |
| <b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....        | <b>2d</b>     |            | 803418    |

**Expenses****e** Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:

|                                                                                             |              |         |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....             | <b>2e(1)</b> | 1929593 |         |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....                               | <b>2e(2)</b> | 0       |         |
| (3) Other .....                                                                             | <b>2e(3)</b> | 0       |         |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....                 | <b>2e(4)</b> |         | 1929593 |
| <b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                  | <b>2f</b>    |         | 0       |
| <b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | <b>2g</b>    |         | 0       |
| <b>h</b> Interest expense .....                                                             | <b>2h</b>    |         | 0       |
| <b>i</b> Administrative expenses: <b>(1)</b> Professional fees .....                        | <b>2i(1)</b> | 0       |         |
| (2) Contract administrator fees .....                                                       | <b>2i(2)</b> | 0       |         |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees .....                                           | <b>2i(3)</b> | 0       |         |
| (4) Other .....                                                                             | <b>2i(4)</b> | 5536    |         |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(4)</b> .....          | <b>2i(5)</b> |         | 5536    |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | <b>2j</b>    |         | 1935129 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

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| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> ..... | <b>2k</b>    |  | -1131711 |
| <b>l</b> Transfers of assets:                                                 |              |  |          |
| (1) To this plan .....                                                        | <b>2l(1)</b> |  | 0        |
| (2) From this plan .....                                                      | <b>2l(2)</b> |  | 23540783 |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☒ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

**b** Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

**c** Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: PLANTE & MORAN, PLLC

(2) EIN: 38-1357951

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes | No | N/A | Amount |
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| <b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) .....                 |     | X  |     | 0      |
| <b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) ..... |     | X  |     | 0      |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes | No | N/A | Amount   |
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| <b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)                                          |     | X  |     | 0        |
| <b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)                               |     | X  |     | 0        |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?                                                                                                                                                                      | X   |    |     | 10000000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?                                                                                       |     | X  |     | 0        |
| <b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?                                                    |     | X  |     | 0        |
| <b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?                                          |     | X  |     | 0        |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)                                                                |     | X  |     |          |
| <b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) |     | X  |     |          |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?                                                           | X   |    |     |          |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?                                                                                                                                            |     | X  |     | 0        |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)                                                                                                  |     | X  |     |          |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.                                     |     |    |     |          |
| <b>o</b> Did the plan trust incur unrelated business taxable income?                                                                                                                                                    |     |    |     |          |
| <b>p</b> Were in-service distributions made during the plan year?                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |     |          |

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?  
 If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year. ☒ Yes ☐ No Amount: 0

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s)                              | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
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**5c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

## Part V Trust Information

|                                        |                                                     |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>6a</b> Name of trust                | <b>6b</b> Trust's EIN                               |
| <b>6c</b> Name of trustee or custodian | <b>6d</b> Trustee's or custodian's telephone number |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                 |
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| <div>SCHEDULE R<br/>(Form 5500)<br/><br/>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service<br/><br/>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br/><br/>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2015</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div> |
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| <div>A Name of plan<br/>AK STEEL CORP. UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA RETIREMENT (401(K) PLAN)</div> | <div>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►</div> <div>024</div>       |
| <div>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br/>AK STEEL CORPORATION</div>           | <div>D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/>31-1267098</div> |

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| Part I | Distributions |
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

|                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   |   |
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| 1                                                                | Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....                                                                                                                       | 1 | 0 |
| 2                                                                | Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):<br><br>EIN(s): 04-6568107 |   |   |
| Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   |   |
| 3                                                                | Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....                                                                                                                             | 3 |   |

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| Part II | Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part) |
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| 4                                                    | Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                              |                             |                              |
| 5                                                    | If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____<br>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule. |                              |                             |                              |
| 6                                                    | a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 6a                           |                             |                              |
|                                                      | b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 6b                           |                             |                              |
|                                                      | c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 6c                           |                             |                              |
| If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                              |                             |                              |
| 7                                                    | Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| 8                                                    | If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

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| Part III | Amendments |
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| 9 | If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. .... | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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| Part IV | ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
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| 10 | Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 11 | a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|    | b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 12 | Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |            |  |
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| <b>14</b> | Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:                                                                                                                    |            |  |
|           | <b>a</b> The current year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>14a</b> |  |
|           | <b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>14b</b> |  |
|           | <b>c</b> The second preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>14c</b> |  |
| <b>15</b> | Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:                                                                         |            |  |
|           | <b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....                                                                                                                                                | <b>15a</b> |  |
|           | <b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>15b</b> |  |
| <b>16</b> | Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:                                                                                                                                                 |            |  |
|           | <b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                             | <b>16a</b> |  |
|           | <b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers .....                                                                               | <b>16b</b> |  |
| <b>17</b> | If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. .... <input type="checkbox"/> |            |  |

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| <b>Part VI</b> | <b>Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans</b> |
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| <b>18</b> | If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>19</b> | If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|           | <b>a</b> Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:<br>Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|           | <b>b</b> Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:<br><input type="checkbox"/> 0-3 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 years <input type="checkbox"/> 6-9 years <input type="checkbox"/> 9-12 years <input type="checkbox"/> 12-15 years <input type="checkbox"/> 15-18 years <input type="checkbox"/> 18-21 years <input type="checkbox"/> 21 years or more  |
|           | <b>c</b> What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Effective duration <input type="checkbox"/> Macaulay duration <input type="checkbox"/> Modified duration <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Part VII</b> | <b>IRS Compliance Questions</b> |
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| <b>20a</b> Is the plan a 401(k) plan? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No                                         |
| <b>20b</b> If "Yes," how does the 401(k) plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2)? .....                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Design-based safe harbor method | <input type="checkbox"/> ADP/ACP test                               |
| <b>20c</b> If the ADP/ACP test is used, did the 401(k) plan perform ADP/ACP testing for the plan year using the "current year testing method" for nonhighly compensated employees (Treas. Reg sections 1.401(k)-2(a)(2)(ii) and 1.401(m)-2(a)(2)(ii))? .....                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No                                         |
| <b>21a</b> Check the box to indicate the method used by the plan to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b): .....                                                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ratio percentage test           | <input type="checkbox"/> Average benefit test                       |
| <b>21b</b> Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? .....                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No                                         |
| <b>22a</b> Has the plan been timely amended for all required tax law changes? .....                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>22b</b> Date the last plan amendment/restatement for the required tax law changes was adopted ____/____/____. Enter the applicable code _____. (See instructions for tax law changes and codes).                                                                            |                                                          |                                                                     |
| <b>22c</b> If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved master and prototype (M&P) or volume submitter plan that is subject to a favorable IRS opinion or advisory letter, enter the date of that favorable letter ____/____/____ and the letter's serial number _____. |                                                          |                                                                     |
| <b>22d</b> If the plan is an individually-designed plan and received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the plan's last favorable determination letter ____/____/____.                                                                           |                                                          |                                                                     |
| <b>23</b> Is the Plan maintained in a U.S. territory (i.e., Puerto Rico (if no election under ERISA section 1022(i)(2) has been made), American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or the U.S. Virgin Islands)? .....                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No                                         |

**AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers  
of America Retirement Savings Plan  
(401(k) Plan)**

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**Financial Report  
September 30, 2015**

# **AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers of America Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan)**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator  
AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers  
of America Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan)

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers of America Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) (the "Plan"), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period from January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the *Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion* paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

### ***Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion***

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee"), except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the Trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and participant notes receivable and executes related transactions. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the Trustee as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 and for the period from January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 that the information provided to the plan administrator by the Trustee is complete and accurate.

To the Plan Administrator  
AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers  
of America Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan)

***Disclaimer of Opinion***

Because of the significance of the matter described in the *Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion* paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

***Plan Merger***

As further discussed in Note 6 to the financial statements, the board of directors of AK Steel Corporation, the Plan's sponsor, voted to merge the Plan into AK Steel Corporation Thrift Plan - Plan Document C effective September 30, 2015.

**Report on Form and Content in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations**

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements, other than that derived from the information certified by the Trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

*Plante & Morse, PLLC*

Cincinnati, Ohio  
July 6, 2016

# AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers of America Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan)

## Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

|                                          | September 30,<br>2015 | December 31,<br>2014 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                            |                       |                      |
| Participant-directed investments:        |                       |                      |
| Money market fund                        | \$ -                  | \$ 4,884,602         |
| Mutual funds                             | -                     | 18,478,154           |
|                                          |                       |                      |
| Total participant-directed investments   | -                     | 23,362,756           |
|                                          |                       |                      |
| Contributions receivable                 | -                     | 68,734               |
| Participant notes receivable             | -                     | 1,241,004            |
|                                          |                       |                      |
| <b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b> | <b>\$ -</b>           | <b>\$ 24,672,494</b> |

# AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers of America Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan)

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Period from January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015

### Additions to Net Assets

|                                                    |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Employee contributions                             | \$ 1,273,677     |
| Investment income (loss):                          |                  |
| Interest and dividends                             | 261,432          |
| Net realized and unrealized losses on mutual funds | <u>(768,415)</u> |
| Total investment loss                              | (506,983)        |
| Interest from participant notes receivable         | <u>36,724</u>    |
| Total additions                                    | 803,418          |

### Deductions from Net Assets

|                                                         |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Benefits paid directly to participants or beneficiaries | 1,929,593        |
| Administrative expenses                                 | <u>5,536</u>     |
| Total deductions                                        | <u>1,935,129</u> |

**Net Decrease Before Other Changes** (1,131,711)

**Merger Into AK Steel Corporation Thrift Plan - Plan Document C** (23,540,783)

**Net Decrease** (24,672,494)

### Net Assets Available for Benefits

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning of period | <u>24,672,494</u> |
| End of period       | <u>\$ -</u>       |

# **AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers of America Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan)**

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## **Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014**

### **Note 1 - Plan Description**

The following description of AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers of America Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan) (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

On September 30, 2015, the Plan merged with and into AK Steel Corporation Thrift Plan - Plan Document C. See Note 6 for additional information.

**General** - The Plan was a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of AK Steel Corporation (the "Company") covered by the Company's agreement with the United Steelworkers of America and the Paper, Allied-Industrial and Chemical Energy International Union. The Plan was subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA)

**Contributions** - The Plan provided for employee salary 401(k) contributions up to a maximum of 100 percent of the annual compensation subject to maximum tax-deferred limitations established by the Internal Revenue Code. Participants may also have contributions to the Plan in the form of a rollover of funds from another qualified plan.

**Participant Accounts** - Each participant's account was credited with the participant's contributions and investment earnings and losses and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations were based on participants' compensation or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant was entitled was the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants directed the investments of their account balances into various investment options offered by the Plan.

**Participant Notes Receivable** - Participants may have borrowed from their accounts subject to certain maximum and minimum amounts as prescribed in the Plan and in the Internal Revenue Code. Notes receivable were collateralized by the participant's account balance and bore interest at a market rate.

**Vesting** - Participants were immediately 100 percent vested in employee salary and rollover contributions and any income or loss thereon.

**Benefit Payments** - Distributions were payable upon retirement, death, disability, or termination of employment in the form of a lump-sum amount equal to the vested balance of a participant's account.

**Transfers** - Along with the Plan, the Company also sponsored other benefit plans for employees. If employees changed their status during the year, the Plan did not allow for their account balances to be transferred between corresponding plans.

# **AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers of America Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan)**

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## **Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014**

### **Note 1 - Plan Description (Continued)**

**Party-in-interest Transactions** - Certain plan assets were in investment funds managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company or its affiliates. Fidelity Management Trust Company was the trustee of the Plan; therefore, these transactions qualified as party-in-interest transactions as defined under ERISA guidelines. The Company paid certain administrative fees on behalf of the Plan. The Company was the plan sponsor; therefore, these transactions were qualified as party-in-interest transactions as defined under ERISA guidelines.

### **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition** - Investments held by the Plan were stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for further discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

**Benefit Payments** - Benefits were recorded when paid.

**Participant Notes Receivable** - Participant notes receivable were recorded at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued interest. Participant notes receivable were written off when deemed uncollectible.

**Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Risks and Uncertainties** - The Plan invested in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

**Subsequent Events** - The financial statements and related disclosures include evaluation of events through and including July 6, 2016, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# **AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers of America Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan)**

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## **Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014**

### **Note 3 - Unaudited Information**

Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee") held the Plan's investments and participant notes receivable and executed all related transactions. The investment and participant notes receivable balances and related income and losses included in the accompanying financial statements are based solely on information provided by the Trustee.

Significant investments included in end of year net assets at December 31, 2014 are as follows:

Mutual funds:

|                                                |              |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Fidelity Puritan Fund                          | \$ 2,719,030 |
| Fidelity Growth Company Fund                   | 3,489,831    |
| Fidelity Contra Fund                           | 1,711,593    |
| Money market fund - Fidelity Cash Reserve Fund | 4,884,602    |

### **Note 4 - Tax Status**

The Plan received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service indicating that the Plan, as designed, was qualified for tax-exempt treatment under the applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes was made in the accompanying statements.

### **Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements**

Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value in the financial statements and provide a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

**Level 1** - Fair values determined by Level 1 inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the Plan has the ability to access.

**Level 2** - Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset.

**Level 3** - Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset. These Level 3 fair value measurements are based primarily on management's own estimates using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques taking into account the characteristics of the asset.

# AK Steel Corporation United Steelworkers of America Retirement Savings Plan (401(k) Plan)

## Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014

### Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

In instances whereby inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Plan's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset.

The following valuation methodologies have been used to value the Plan's investments:

**Mutual Funds** - Mutual funds were valued at closing quoted prices reported in active markets.

**Money Market Fund** - The money market fund was valued at closing quoted prices reported in active markets.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believed its valuation methods were appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table presents information about the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2014. As detailed in Note 6, all plan assets were transferred to AK Steel Corporation Thrift Plan - Plan Document C, effective September 30, 2015.

#### Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at December 31, 2014

|                                               | Level 1              | Level 2     | Level 3     | Balance at<br>December 31,<br>2014 |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Mutual funds:                                 |                      |             |             |                                    |
| Balanced investments                          | \$ 8,708,756         | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ 8,708,756                       |
| Equity investments                            | 7,912,976            | -           | -           | 7,912,976                          |
| Bond investments                              | 1,417,846            | -           | -           | 1,417,846                          |
| International investments                     | 438,576              | -           | -           | 438,576                            |
| Money market fund - Short-term<br>investments | 4,884,602            | -           | -           | 4,884,602                          |
| Total                                         | <u>\$ 23,362,756</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 23,362,756</u>               |

The Plan's policy was to recognize transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the actual date of the event of change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no transfers between the levels of the fair value hierarchy during 2015.

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## **Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014**

### **Note 6 - Plan Merger**

As of September 30, 2015, effective immediately after the valuation of the accounts as of that date, the Plan merged with and into AK Steel Corporation Thrift Plan - Plan Document C. Accordingly, all assets, participants, and their related account balances were transferred to AK Steel Corporation Thrift Plan - Plan Document C on September 30, 2015. The Plan ceased to be a separate plan as of September 30, 2015.