

ARCH COAL INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Lang Paul A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE CITY PLACE DRIVE, SUITE 300

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ARCH COAL INC [ACI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/07/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Senior VP - Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common stock <u>(1)</u>	02/07/2008			M	4,900 A <u>(1)</u>	10,634	D
Common stock <u>(2)</u>	02/08/2008			M	6,000 A \$ 11.3	16,634	D
Common stock <u>(2)</u>	02/08/2008			S	11,734 D \$ 50	4,900	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- The reporting person received 19,600 performance-contingent phantom shares on July 28, 2005. One-half of the performance-contingent phantom shares vest if the average closing price of Arch Coal's common stock for a period of 20 consecutive trading days meets or exceeds \$35.00 and the other half of the performance shares vest if the average closing price of Arch Coal's common stock for a period of 20 consecutive trading days meets or exceeds \$40.00, subject, in each case to the achievement of certain financial performance targets.
- (4) On February 7, 2008, 9,800 performance-contingent phantom shares vested.

- The reporting person received 24,000 stock options on April 25, 2002. The stock options vested ratably over a four year period as follows:
- (5) 6,000 stock options vested on April 25, 2003; 6,000 stock options vested on April 25, 2004; 6,000 stock options vested on April 25, 2005; and 6,000 stock options vested on April 25, 2006.

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