

ARCH COAL INC
Form 8-K
December 16, 2013

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 13, 2013**

Arch Coal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-13105
(Commission File Number)

43-0921172
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**CityPlace One
One CityPlace Drive, Suite 300
St. Louis, Missouri 63141**
(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(314) 994-2700**

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Following the receipt of the consent of the holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of the 8.750% Senior Notes due 2016 (the Notes) of Arch Coal, Inc. (the Company) in a previously announced tender offer and consent solicitation, on December 13, 2013, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries entered into an Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 13, 2013 (the Supplemental Indenture). The Supplemental Indenture amends the Indenture, dated as of July 31, 2009 (as previously supplemented, the Indenture), which governs the Notes, to, among other things, eliminate most of the covenants and certain default provisions applicable to the Notes. The Supplemental Indenture also amends the Notes to delete all provisions inconsistent with the Indenture as further amended by the Supplemental Indenture. Except as amended by the Supplemental Indenture, all terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture and the Notes remain in full force and effect.

The Supplemental Indenture is currently effective, but it will become operative only upon the Company s purchase, pursuant to its previously announced tender offer, of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes (excluding any Notes owned by the Company or any of its affiliates). Accordingly, the amendments to the Indenture and the Notes effected by the Supplemental Indenture will be deemed to be revoked retroactive to the date of the Supplemental Indenture, and the Indenture and the Notes will remain in full force and effect in their prior respective forms, if such purchase does not occur.

The foregoing is a summary of the material terms and conditions of the Supplemental Indenture and not a complete discussion of the document. Accordingly, the foregoing is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Supplemental Indenture, which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and hereby incorporated by reference.

The terms and conditions of the Company s previously announced tender offer and consent solicitation are described in an Offer to Purchase and Consent Solicitation Statement, dated December 2, 2013 (the Statement), and a related Consent and Letter of Transmittal, which have been sent to holders of Notes. The Company s obligations to accept any Notes tendered and to pay the applicable consideration for them are set forth solely in the Statement and the related Consent and Letter of Transmittal. This Current Report on Form 8-K is not an offer to purchase, a solicitation of an offer to sell, or a solicitation of consents with respect to any securities. The Company s previously announced tender offer and consent solicitation are made only by, and pursuant to the terms of, the Statement and the related Consent and Letter of Transmittal, and the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K is qualified by reference thereto. The Company is not making any recommendation in connection with its previously announced tender offer and consent solicitation. In addition, this Current Report on Form 8-K does not constitute a notice of redemption of the Notes under the optional redemption provisions of the Indenture.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 13, 2013

Arch Coal, Inc.

By:

/s/ Robert G. Jones
Robert G. Jones
Senior Vice President Law, General Counsel and
Secretary

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Exhibit No.	Description
4.1	Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 13, 2013, among Arch Coal, Inc., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
99.1	Press release dated December 13, 2013.