

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 19, 2006

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

September 18, 2006

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-16463

13-4004153

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri

63101

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(314) 342-3400

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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.**

On September 18, 2006, Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") signed binding agreements to acquire 19.99 percent of Excel Coal Limited ("Excel") at A\$9.50 per share. Peabody and Excel also agreed to modify the terms of their existing scheme of arrangement, increasing the purchase price for the remaining shares of Excel to A\$9.50 per share from A\$8.50 per share. A copy of Peabody's September 18, 2006 press release announcing these agreements is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibit.

99.1 Press Release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated September 18, 2006.

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**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.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

*September 18, 2006*

*By: Jeffery L. Klinger*

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*Name: Jeffery L. Klinger*

*Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated September 18, 2006.