

PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 8-K

December 29, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 22, 2003

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-16463

(Commission File Number)

13-4004153

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

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri

(Address of principal executive offices)

63101

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(314) 342-3400

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 22, 2003, Peabody Energy Corporation issued a press release announcing that it has signed memoranda of understanding with RAG Coal International AG to purchase coal assets in Colorado and a 25 percent interest in a coal operation in Venezuela. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index at page 4 of this report.

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SIGNATURE

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

Date: December 23, 2003

/s/ RICHARD A. NAVARRE

Richard A. Navarre
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

The exhibits below are numbered in accordance with the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated December 22, 2003.