

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 08, 2004

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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):

December 2, 2004

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.**

On December 2, 2004, Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") completed the acquisition of a 25.5 percent interest in the Paso Diablo Mine in Venezuela from RAG Coal International AG for a net purchase price of US\$32.5 million. The purchase price was funded from currently available cash balances and the assumption of a short term payable to the Paso Diablo Mine.

Paso Diablo is a 6.5 to 7.0 million tonne-per-year operation that exports coal for electricity generators and steelmakers in North America and Europe.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired

The financial statements required by Item 9.01(a) will be filed by amendment not later than 71 calendar days after the date of this Form 8-K.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information

The financial information required by Item 9.01(b) will be filed by amendment not later than 71 calendar days after the date of this Form 8-K.

(c) Exhibits

2.1 Share Purchase Agreement among RAG Coal International AG, BTU International B.V and Peabody Energy Corporation dated as of June 10, 2004.

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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

*December 7, 2004*

By: *Richard A. Navarre*

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*Name: Richard A. Navarre*

*Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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