

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 05, 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):

October 4, 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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 4, 2006, Peabody Energy Corporation ("Peabody") announced that Excel Coal Limited ("Excel") shareholders approved the sale of Excel to Peabody for A\$9.50 per share. The purchase price totals approximately US\$1.5 billion (including previously purchased shares) plus approximately US\$300 million in assumed debt. A copy of Peabody's October 4, 2006 press release announcing shareholder approval 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 October 4, 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

*October 5, 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	99.1 Press Release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated October 4, 2006