PEABODY ENERGY CORP Form 8-K December 01, 2003

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	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 1, 2003		
PEABODY EN	ERGY CORPORATION	T		
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)		5		
Delaware	1-16463		13-4004153	
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)			(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		
	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 November 30, 2003, Peabody Energy Corporation issued a press release announcing that it has signed a memorandum of understanding with RAG Coal International AG to purchase two high-quality metallurgical coal operations in Queensland, Australia, and more than 100 million metric tonnes of coal reserves. 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 1, 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

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Press release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated November 30, 2003.

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