

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**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-16463**

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(Commission File Number)

**13-4004153**

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

**701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

**63101**

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(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**(314) 342-3400**

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**N/A**

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(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

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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.