

ARCH COAL INC  
Form 8-K  
December 11, 2017

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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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 11, 2017 (December 8, 2017)**

**Arch Coal, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-13105**  
(Commission File Number)

**43-0921172**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**CityPlace One**  
**One CityPlace Drive, Suite 300**  
**St. Louis, Missouri 63141**

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(314) 994-2700**

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- 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 8, 2017, Arch Coal, Inc. (the "Company") entered into a stock repurchase agreement (the "Stock Repurchase Agreement") with certain investment funds affiliated with Monarch Alternative Capital LP (collectively, "Monarch"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to repurchase from Monarch 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$83.03 per share, representing aggregate consideration of approximately \$41.5 million. The Company intends to fund the repurchase with cash on hand. The share repurchase would be made pursuant to, and would count toward, the Company's existing share repurchase program.

The transaction is expected to close on or about December 14, 2017, subject to customary closing conditions.

A copy of the Stock Repurchase Agreement has been attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein. The foregoing description of the Stock Repurchase Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such Exhibit.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are attached hereto and filed herewith.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	<u>Stock Repurchase Agreement, dated December 8, 2017, among Arch Coal, Inc. and Monarch Alternative Solutions Master Fund Ltd, Monarch Capital Master Partners III LP, MCP Holdings Master LP and Monarch Debt Recovery Master Fund Ltd.</u>
99.1	<u>Press Release dated December 11, 2017.</u>

**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.

Dated: December 11, 2017

Arch Coal, Inc.

By:

/s/ Robert G. Jones  
Robert G. Jones  
Senior Vice President - Law, General Counsel and  
Secretary