

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 21, 2018

**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): September 21, 2018**

**Peabody Energy Corporation**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

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

**1-16463**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**13-4004153**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**63101-1826**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(ZIP Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 342-3400

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company 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.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On September 21, 2018, Peabody Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company), issued a press release announcing that it had entered into a definitive agreement with Drummond Company, Inc. relating to the purchase of the Shoal Creek metallurgical coal mine located on the Black Warrior River in Central Alabama. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information set forth in and incorporated into this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any of the Company's filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof and regardless of any general incorporation language in such filings, except to the extent expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. The furnishing of this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information herein that is required to be disclosed solely by reason of Regulation FD.

**Cautionary Note regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward looking statements within the meaning of the securities laws. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They often include words or variation of words such as expects, anticipates, intends, plans, believes, seeks, projects, forecasts, targets, would, will, should, goal, could or may or other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements provide management's current expectations or predictions of future conditions, events or results. All statements that address operating performance, events or developments that the Company expects or anticipates will occur in the future, including with respect to the Acquisition, are forward-looking statements. They may include estimates of revenues, income, earnings per share, cost savings, capital expenditures, dividends, share repurchases, liquidity, capital structure, market share, industry volume, or other financial items, descriptions of management's plans or objectives for future operations, or descriptions of assumptions underlying any of the above. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and reflect the Company's good faith beliefs, assumptions and expectations, but they are not guarantees of future performance or events. Furthermore, the Company disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, except as required by law. By their nature, forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such differences include, but are not limited to, a variety of economic, competitive and regulatory factors, many of which are beyond the Company's control, that are described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, as well as additional factors the Company may describe from time to time in other filings with the SEC. You may get such filings for free at the Company's website at [www.peabodyenergy.com](http://www.peabodyenergy.com). You should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors and consequently, you should not consider any such list to be a complete set of all potential risks or uncertainties.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibits                        |
|----------------|--|
| 99.1           | <u>Press Release, dated September 21, 2018</u> |

**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.

Date: September 21, 2018

**PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION**

By: /s/ A. Verona Dorch  
A. Verona Dorch  
Chief Legal Officer