

ARCH COAL INC  
Form S-8  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
**UNDER**  
**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**ARCH COAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

**One CityPlace Drive, Ste. 300**  
**St. Louis, Missouri**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**63141**  
(Zip Code)

**ARCH COAL, INC. EMPLOYEE THRIFT PLAN**

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(Full title of the plan)

**Robert G. Jones**

**Senior Vice President Law, General Counsel and Secretary**

**Arch Coal, Inc.**

**One CityPlace Drive, Ste. 300**

**St. Louis, Missouri 63141**

(Name and address of agent for service)

**(314) 994-2700**

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

**Copies of all communications to:**

**Jeffrey W. Acre, Esq.**

K&L Gates LLP

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210 Sixth Avenue

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

(412) 355-6500

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)							

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

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<b>Title of each class of securities to be registered</b>	<b>Amount to be Registered(1)</b>	<b>Proposed maximum offering price per share</b>	<b>Proposed maximum aggregate offering price</b>	<b>Amount of registration fee</b>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	3,000,000(2) \$	4.90(3) \$	14,700,000 \$	2,006

(1) This Registration Statement also registers additional securities to be offered or issued upon adjustments or changes made to registered securities by reason of any stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions as permitted by Rule 416(a) and Rule 416(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ).

(2) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plan described herein.

(3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act. The fee is calculated on the basis of the average of the high and low prices for the Registrant's Common Stock reported on the New York Stock Exchange on August 26, 2013.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Pursuant to Instruction E of Form S-8, this filing relates to the registration of additional securities of the same class as other securities for which a registration statement filed on this form relating to a benefit plan is effective. The contents of the registration statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-32777) filed on August 4, 1997 are hereby incorporated by reference, except as amended by the items included below.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.**

The following documents filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement:

1. The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012;
2. The Registrant's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31 and June 30, 2013;
3. The Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed February 26, 2013, April 30, July 2, August 12, August 19 and August 27, 2013; and
4. The description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in the Registration Statement filed by the Registrant under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Registration Statement, but prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that indicates that all securities offered by this Registration Statement have been sold or which deregisters all such securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement; provided, however, that the Registrant is not incorporating by reference any information furnished (but not filed) under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K. Each document incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a part of this Registration Statement from the date of filing of such document with the Commission until the information contained therein is superseded or updated by any subsequently filed document that is incorporated

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by reference into this Registration Statement or by any document that constitutes part of the prospectus relating to the Registrant's Omnibus Incentive Plan, each meeting the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

### ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

Jon S. Ploetz, Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of Arch Coal, Inc., has rendered an opinion as to the validity of the shares of common stock being registered hereby. Mr. Ploetz is paid a salary by us and is a participant in various employee benefit plans offered to our employees generally.

### ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

The following exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated by reference as part of this Registration Statement:

4.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Arch Coal, Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 5, 2006).

4.2 Arch Coal, Inc. Bylaws, as amended effective as of December 5, 2008 (incorporated herein by reference to

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Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 10, 2008).

5.1 Opinion of counsel (filed herewith).

23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm (filed herewith).

23.2 Consent of counsel (included in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto).

24.1 Power of Attorney (included on the signature page to this Registration Statement).

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, on this 28th day of August, 2013.

ARCH COAL, INC.

By: /s/ John W. Eaves  
John W. Eaves  
President and Chief Executive Officer

# POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person, whose signature appears below, constitutes and appoints John W. Eaves, John T. Drexler and Robert G. Jones, and each of them, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the undersigned and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated have signed this Registration Statement below.

Signature	Capacity	Date
/s/ John W. Eaves John W. Eaves	President and Chief Executive Officer, Director ( <i>Principal Executive Officer</i> )	August 28, 2013
/s/ John T. Drexler John T. Drexler	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer ( <i>Principal Financial Officer</i> )	August 28, 2013
/s/ John W. Lorson John W. Lorson	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer ( <i>Principal Accounting Officer</i> )	August 28, 2013
/s/ Steven F. Leer	Chairman of the Board of Directors	August 28, 2013

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Steven F. Leer

/s/ David D. Freudenthal  
David D. Freudenthal

Director

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Signature	Capacity	Date
/s/ Patricia F. Godley Patricia F. Godley	Director	August 28, 2013
/s/ Paul T. Hanrahan Paul T. Hanrahan	Director	August 28, 2013
/s/ Douglas H. Hunt Douglas H. Hunt	Director	August 28, 2013
/s/ J. Thomas Jones J. Thomas Jones	Director	August 28, 2013
/s/ George C. Morris III George C. Morris III	Director	August 28, 2013
/s/ Theodore D. Sands Theodore D. Sands	Director	August 28, 2013
/s/ Wesley M. Taylor Wesley M. Taylor	Director	August 28, 2013
/s/ Peter I. Wold Peter I. Wold	Director	August 28, 2013

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