

ARCH COAL INC  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2013

**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 13, 2013 (December 12, 2013)**

**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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01** **Entry into Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 12, 2013, Arch Coal, Inc. (the **Company** ) and the subsidiary guarantors named there in (the **Subsidiary Guarantors** ) entered into a purchase agreement (the **Purchase Agreement** ) with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as representative of the several initial purchasers named therein (the **Initial Purchasers** ), relating to the issuance and sale by the Company of \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of 8.000% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2019 (the **Notes** ) The Notes will be issued by the Company pursuant to an Indenture to be entered into among the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors and UMB Bank National Association, as trustee. Subject to customary market and other conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement, the Notes will be sold within the United States only to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **Securities Act** ), and outside the United States only to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Purchase Agreement includes customary representations, warranties and covenants by the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors. Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors have agreed to indemnify the Initial Purchasers against certain liabilities. The Purchase Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and this description of the material terms of the Purchase Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit, which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7.01** **Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 12, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing the pricing of its offering of the Notes. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

On December 12, 2013, the Company also issued a press release announcing the receipt of the requisite commitments from lenders for amendments to the Company's senior secured credit facility. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

The information contained in Item 7.01 and the exhibits attached pursuant to Item 7.01 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 they be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01** **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are attached hereto and furnished herewith.

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.1	Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 12, 2013, among Arch Coal, Inc., the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as representative of the initial purchasers named therein.
99.1	Press release dated December 12, 2013.
99.2	Press release dated December 12, 2013.

**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 13, 2013

Arch Coal, Inc.

By:

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

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