

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2016

**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): December 21, 2016**

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

**63101-1826**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(ZIP Code)

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

As previously disclosed, on April 13, 2016 (the Petition Date ), Peabody Energy Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company ) and a majority of the Company s wholly owned domestic subsidiaries, as well as one international subsidiary in Gibraltar (collectively with the Company, the Debtors ), filed voluntary petitions under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the U.S. Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the Bankruptcy Court ). The Debtors Chapter 11 cases (collectively, the Chapter 11 Cases ) are being jointly administered under the caption In re Peabody Energy Corporation, et al., Case No. 16-42529.

In addition, as previously disclosed, on May 18, 2016, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order (as amended, the DIP Final Order ) approving that certain Superpriority Secured Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement, dated April 18, 2016, between the Company, as borrower, Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent and the lender parties thereto on a final basis.

On December 21, 2016, the Bankruptcy Court approved a stipulation (the Stipulation ) filed by the Company relating to an amendment to the DIP Final Order. The Stipulation amends the Final DIP Order to extend the Adequate Protection Milestones (as defined in the DIP Final Order) related to the Debtors continued use of Cash Collateral (as defined in the DIP Final Order), including an extension of the date on which the Debtors must file a plan of reorganization and related disclosure statement to December 22, 2016. As a result, the Company is required to file with the Bankruptcy Court a plan of reorganization and disclosure statement with respect thereto by December 22, 2016.

**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.

**PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION**

*December 21, 2016*

By: /s/ A. Verona Dorch

Name: A. Verona Dorch

Title: Chief Legal Officer