

ARCH COAL INC  
Form SC 13D/A  
December 12, 2017  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 13D  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934\*  
(Amendment No. 3)  
Arch Coal, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)  
Common Stock, par value \$0.01

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(Title of Class of Securities)  
039380407

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(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

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December 8, 2017

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(Date of Event which Requires  
Filing of this Schedule)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box:

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
Monarch Debt Recovery Master Fund Ltd

2 (a)  
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX (b)  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS  
WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF  
LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION  
Cayman Islands

7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
0

NUMBER OF  
SHARES 8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH 618,951

REPORTING 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
PERSON WITH 0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
618,951

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH

PERSON  
618,951

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
2.93%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
CO

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
Monarch Alternative Capital LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX (a)  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS  
N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF  
LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
0

8 NUMBER OF SHARED VOTING POWER  
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 1,558,732

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
1,558,732

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
PERSON  
1,558,732

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
*7.37%*

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
PN, IA

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
MDRA GP LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX (a)  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS  
N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF  
LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
0

8 NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
1,558,732

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
1,558,732

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
PERSON

1,558,732

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
7.37%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
PN, HC

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
Monarch GP LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX (a)  
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS  
N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF  
LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

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ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
0

8 NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
1,558,732

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
1,558,732

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
PERSON  
1,558,732

12

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED  
BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)  
*7.37%*

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
OO, HC

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This Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D (this "Amendment No. 3") is being filed with respect to the common shares, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of Arch Coal, Inc. (the "Issuer"), to amend the Schedule 13D filed on October 17, 2016 (together with Amendment No.1 to Schedule 13D filed on November 22, 2016 and Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13D filed on September 15, 2017, the "Schedule 13D"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D.

Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction.

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended to include the following:

On December 8, 2017, the Issuer, on the one hand, and Monarch Alternative Solutions Master Fund Ltd, Monarch Capital Master Partners III LP, MCP Holdings Master LP and MDRF, on the other hand (the "Monarch December Parties"), entered into a Stock Repurchase Agreement (the "December Stock Repurchase Agreement"), which provides that the Issuer will repurchase a total of 500,000 shares of Common Stock from the Monarch December Parties at a price of \$83.03 per share, resulting in an aggregate purchase price of \$41,515,000.

On December 12, 2017, MDRF, Monarch Capital Master Partners III LP and MCP Holdings Master LP (the "Rule 144 Parties") sold an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Common Stock in a transaction exempt from the registration requirement of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act to a market maker at a price of \$85.26 per share, resulting in an aggregate purchase price of \$42,630,000 (the "Rule 144 Sale").

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5(a) of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a) After giving effect to the Rule 144 Sale and the transactions contemplated by the December Stock Repurchase Agreement, each of MAC, MDRA GP and Monarch GP indirectly beneficially own 1,558,732 shares of Common Stock. Such shares represent 7.37% of the 21,155,678 shares of Common Stock that the Issuer has advised the reporting persons were outstanding as of December 8, 2017 after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by the December Stock Repurchase Agreement. None of the individual Monarch Funds own a number of shares of Common Stock representing more than 5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

Item 5(b) of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(b) MAC, MDRA GP and Monarch GP share voting and dispositive power over 1,558,732 shares of Common Stock held directly by the Funds with each applicable Fund directly holding such shares.

Item 5(c) of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(c) On December 8, 2017, the Monarch December Parties entered into the December Stock Repurchase Agreement for the sale of 500,000 shares of Common Stock to the Issuer pursuant to the terms described therein. On December 12, 2017, the Monarch 144 Parties sold an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Common Stock in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act pursuant to the Rule 144 Sale.

Item 5(e) of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended to include the following:

(e) On December 8, 2017, MDRF ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended to include the following:

Item 4 above summarizes certain provisions of the December Stock Repurchase Agreement and is incorporated herein by reference. The description of the terms of the December Stock Repurchase Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the December Stock Repurchase Agreement included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Amendment No. 3, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Item 7 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended to include the following:

Stock Repurchase Agreement, dated December 8, 2017, by and between Arch Coal, Inc., Monarch Alternative 99.1 Solutions Master Fund Ltd, Monarch Capital Master Partners III LP, MCP Holdings Master LP and Monarch Debt Recovery Master Fund Ltd.

[Signatures on following page]

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

MONARCH DEBT RECOVERY MASTER  
FUND LTD

By: Monarch Alternative Capital LP,  
its Investment Manager

By: MDRA GP LP, its General Partner

Dated: December 12, 2017

By: Monarch GP LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Michael Weinstock  
Name: Michael Weinstock  
Title: Member

MONARCH ALTERNATIVE CAPITAL LP

By: MDRA GP LP, its General Partner

By: Monarch GP LLC, its General Partner

Dated: December 12, 2017

By: /s/ Michael Weinstock  
Name: Michael Weinstock  
Title: Member

MDRA GP LP

By: Monarch GP LLC, its General Partner

Dated: December 12, 2017

By: /s/ Michael Weinstock  
Name: Michael Weinstock  
Title: Member

MONARCH GP LLC

Dated: December 12, 2017 By: /s/ Michael Weinstock  
Name: Michael Weinstock  
Title: Member