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PEABODY ENERGY CORP Form 8-K April 10, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of	the Securities Ex	change A	ct of 1934	
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) APR		APRIL	8, 2003	
PEABODY	ENERGY CORPORATION	DN		
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)				
DELAWARE	1-16463		13-4004153	
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File	Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)	
701 MARKET STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI			63101	
(Address of principal executive offices)			(Zip Code)	
Registrant's telephone number, including area code		(3	(314) 342-3400	
N/A				
(Former name or former ad	dress, if changed	since las	st report.)	
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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On April 8, 2003, Peabody Energy Corporation issued a press release announcing the acquisition of the remaining 18.3 percent of Black Beauty Coal Company for approximately \$90 million and other contingent consideration.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

See the Exhibit Index at page 4 of this report.

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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.

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: April 8, 2003 /s/ RICHARD A. NAVARRE

Richard A. Navarre Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

The exhibits below are numbered in accordance with the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

Exhibit

No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated

April 8, 2003.