

PEABODY ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 30, 2013

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) August 30, 2013

PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-16463 13-4004153  
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)  
incorporation or organization)

701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101-1826  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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

Item 5.02           Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(b) Peabody Energy Corporation (“Peabody”) has announced that, effective September 16, 2013, Eric Ford will assume the role of Executive Vice President, Office of the Chief Executive Officer, reporting to Chairman and CEO Greg Boyce. In this role, Mr. Ford will have continuing responsibilities for Government Relations in Australia, including coal advocacy activities. He will also collaborate on improvement and development projects that impact the global Peabody platform and will act as a key resource to the new President and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to his new role, Mr. Ford served as Chairman of Peabody Australia.

**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**

August 30, 2013                      By: /s/ Kenneth L. Wagner  
Name: Kenneth L. Wagner  
Title: Vice President, Assistant General Counsel  
and Assistant Secretary