

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): **November 13, 2012 (November 13, 2012)**

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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 13, 2012, Arch Coal, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the commencement of a private offering of \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due 2019 (the "Notes"). The Notes will be offered only to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and to non-U.S. persons in transactions outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Company also announced in a separate press release that it has exercised its option under the terms of its senior secured credit facility to request incremental term loans thereunder of \$250.0 million. Copies of these press releases are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are attached hereto and furnished herewith.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated November 13, 2012.
99.2	Press release dated November 13, 2012.

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: November 13, 2012

Arch Coal, Inc.

By: /s/ Robert G. Jones

Robert G. Jones

Senior Vice President—Law, General Counsel and Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Media: Kim Link 314/994.2936
Investors: Jennifer Beatty 314/994.2781

Arch Coal Commences \$350 Million Private Offering of Senior Notes Due 2019

ST. LOUIS (Nov. 13, 2012) — Arch Coal, Inc. (NYSE:ACI) today announced it has commenced a private offering of \$350 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2019. The senior notes will be guaranteed by Arch's subsidiaries that guarantee indebtedness under the company's existing senior secured credit facility.

The notes will be offered only to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and to non-U.S. persons in transactions outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act. The offering is subject to market and other conditions. Arch intends to use the net proceeds from the offering of senior notes for general corporate purposes.

This press release is being issued pursuant to Rule 135c under the Securities Act, and is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities. The senior notes have not been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or applicable exemption from registration requirements.

U.S.-based Arch Coal is a top five global coal producer and marketer. Arch is the most diversified American coal company, with mining complexes across every major U.S. coal supply basin. Its core business is supplying cleaner-burning, low-sulfur thermal and metallurgical coal to power generators and steel manufacturers on five continents.

Forward-Looking Statements: This press release contains "forward-looking statements" — that is, statements related to future, not past, events. In this context, forward-looking statements often address our expected future business and financial performance, and often contain words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," or "will." Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain. For us, particular uncertainties arise from changes in the demand for our coal by the domestic electric generation industry; from legislation and regulations relating to the Clean Air Act and other environmental initiatives; from operational, geological, permit, labor and weather-related factors; from fluctuations in the amount of cash we generate from operations; from future integration of acquired businesses; and from numerous other matters of national, regional and global scale, including those of a political, economic, business, competitive or regulatory nature. These uncertainties may cause our actual future results to be materially different than those expressed in our forward-looking statements. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law. For a description of some of the risks and uncertainties that may affect our future results, you should see the risk factors described from time to time in the reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Arch Coal Launches \$250 Million Secured Term Loan

ST. LOUIS (Nov. 13, 2012) — Arch Coal, Inc. (NYSE:ACI) today announced that it has launched a \$250 million incremental, senior secured term loan due 2018, pursuant to an uncommitted accordion provision in the company's existing revolving credit agreement. Completion of the new term loan offering would reduce the size of the company's revolving credit facility to \$350 million from \$600 million. Concurrent with the term loan offering, Arch announced that it has commenced a private offering of \$350 million in senior unsecured notes due 2019.

Arch intends to use the net proceeds from the offering of the senior notes and the term loan for general corporate purposes. Upon completion of these efforts, Arch expects to have a cash and marketable securities balance in excess of \$1.2 billion.

Separately, Arch plans to seek certain amendments to its secured revolving credit facility to provide additional flexibility under the financial covenants that govern that facility. The completion of the offering of senior notes by Arch is not conditioned upon the success of amending the revolving credit facility, nor are any consents required to complete the offering.

"We are proactively executing a comprehensive financing plan aimed at boosting our cash on hand, enhancing our overall liquidity and maintaining our financial flexibility," said John W. Eaves, Arch's president and chief executive officer. "This plan provides Arch with excess liquidity in case the current market weakness lasts longer than expected, and adds long-term, pre-payable debt to help the company achieve its de-levering goal as markets recover."

"Metallurgical coal markets remain challenged at present despite some improvement in global and domestic thermal markets," said Eaves. "In light of the weak environment, Arch has been successfully pursuing a plan to improve operational efficiency, reduce capital spending and bolster available financial resources. We believe our proactive plan will ensure that Arch is well positioned as an even stronger global resource provider when coal markets rebound."

The term loan is secured and guaranteed by substantially all subsidiaries of Arch Coal, Inc., consistent with the existing term loan and revolving credit facility. The new term loan also is not expected to carry any financial maintenance covenants, similar to the existing term loan.

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