

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Monarch Alternative Capital LP</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 535 MADISON AVENUE (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/05/2016	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARCH COAL INC [ARCH]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) See Remarks	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Monarch Alternative Capital LP</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 535 MADISON AVENUE (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 (City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MDRA GP LP</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MONARCH ALTERNATIVE CAPITAL LP 535 MADISON AVENUE (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 (City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Monarch GP LLC</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MONARCH ALTERNATIVE CAPITAL LP 535 MADISON AVENUE (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 (City) (State) (Zip)

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 99.1 - Joint Filers' Information and Signatures This Form 3 is being filed on behalf of Monarch Alternative Capital LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("MAC"), MDRA GP LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("MDRA GP"), and Monarch GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Monarch GP"). MAC serves as the investment advisor to certain investment funds, MDRA GP is the general partner of MAC, and Monarch GP is the general partner of MDRA GP. Solely for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, each of MAC, and by virtue of their control of MAC, MDRA GP and Monarch GP, are directors-by-deputization by virtue of MAC's designation of Patrick Bartels, a managing principal of MAC, to ARCH's board of directors.

No securities are beneficially owned.

MONARCH ALTERNATIVE
CAPITAL LP, By: /s/ Michael 10/06/2016
A. Weinstock, Chief Executive
Officer

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Designated Filer: MONARCH ALTERNATIVE CAPITAL LP
Issuer & Ticker Symbol: Arch Coal, Inc. [ARCH]
Date of Event Requiring Statement: October 5, 2016

Joint Filer Information and Signatures

Joint Filers:

1. Name: MDRA GP LP
Address: c/o Monarch Alternative Capital LP, 535 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022

MDRA GP LP

By: Monarch GP LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Michael Weinstock

Name: Michael Weinstock

Title: Chief Executive Officer

October 6, 2016

Date

2. Name: Monarch GP LLC
Address: c/o Monarch Alternative Capital LP, 535 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022

MONARCH GP LLC

By: /s/ Michael Weinstock

Name: Michael Weinstock

Title: Chief Executive Officer

October 6, 2016

Date