

PEABODY ENERGY CORP

Form 8-K

January 27, 2009

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**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) January 27, 2009**  
**PEABODY ENERGY CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>1-16463</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>13-4004153</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>701 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>63101-1826</b> (Zip Code)	
	Registrant's telephone number, including area code <b>(314) 342-3400</b>	
	<b>N/A</b> (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)	

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)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 27, 2009, Peabody Energy Corporation ( Peabody ) issued a press release setting forth Peabody s fourth quarter and full year 2008 financial results. A copy of Peabody s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press Release of Peabody Energy Corporation dated January 27, 2009.

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**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**

*January 27, 2009*

By: */s/ Michael C. Crews*

Name: *Michael C. Crews*

Title: *Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer*

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